

Noise from Cockerel Crowing

We can investigate complaints alleging noise nuisance from cockerel crowing.

Factors considered

In considering whether a Statutory Nuisance exists, an officer from Environmental Services will consider the following factors:

- Source of noise
- Environment of noise
- Duration of crowing
- Time of day of crowing
- How often it occurs

Practical measures to minimise crowing

Several measures can be used to minimise cockerel crowing:

1. Location of the cockerel- it is important to ensure that the cockerel is located as far away as practicable from neighbouring residential properties
2. Competition- Other cockerels in the area will cause them to compete with each other and may result in excess crowing
3. Housing- Keep the coop as dark as possible to minimise early morning crowing as a cockerel will crow when light enters the coop. The coop ceiling can also be lowered to prevent the cockerel throwing back its head and crowing.

Investigating complaints

If we receive a complaint about noise we are obliged by law to investigate it. This may include;

- Asking the complainant to note down all times that they are being disturbed.
- Officers from this department undertaking visits to witness the disturbance.
- The use of noise recording equipment
- If we are satisfied that the noise constitutes a Statutory Nuisance under the Environmental Protection Act 1990, an Abatement Notice will be served requiring you to stop the disturbance, and if this is not complied with, you could face a maximum fine of £5000 (domestic premises), or £20,000 (commercial/ Industrial premises)

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