Comments
Complaints
Compliments

At Ashford Borough Council we are committed to improving the quality of the services that we provide and your views are important to us.

If you have a comment, complaint or compliment about the council there are many ways you can get your voice heard:

- Online at www.ashford.gov.uk/feedback
- Email customer.care@ashford.gov.uk
- Call us on 01233 331111
- In person at the Civic Centre
- Fill out the attached form and return it to: Customer Services, Ashford Borough Council, Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL
Our complaints procedure

Once a complaint has been received we will take the following steps:

**Step 1**
*Within 3 working days*
Your complaint will be passed to a member of staff to deal with and you will receive an acknowledgement.

*Within 15 working days*
We will have completed our investigation and will send you a written response. If we need more time to investigate we will keep you informed of our progress.

**Step 2**
If you are not satisfied with our response we will pass your complaint to the relevant Head of Service to review the investigation.

*Within 3 working days*
You will receive an acknowledgement from the Head of Service that they are dealing with your complaint.

*Within 20 working days*
The head of service will send you a written response. If more time is needed to investigate you will be kept informed of our progress.

**Local Government Ombudsman**
Should you remain dissatisfied following our complaints procedure you may wish to contact the Local Government Ombudsman. Call them on 0300 061 0614 or visit www.lgo.org.uk, or you can write to:

Local Government Ombudsman
PO Box 4771, Coventry  CV4 0EH

**Councillor complaints**
If you are complaining about the conduct of a borough, parish or town councillor please visit www.ashford.gov.uk/councillor-complaints or you can write to:

The Monitoring Officer
Legal and Democratic Services, Ashford Borough Council,
Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL
Feedback form

Please fill out all sections of this form and return it to:
Ashford Borough Council
Civic Centre, Tannery Lane, Ashford, Kent TN23 1PL
Alternatively fill in the online form at www.ashford.gov.uk/feedback

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Address: ..........................................................................................................................
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Telephone: Day: .................................. Mobile: ..................................

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Comment ☐ Complaint ☐ Compliment ☐

Service Area (if known): ..................................................................................................

When did this incident take place? .............................................................................

Comments: .....................................................................................................................
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Signed: ........................................ Date: .................................................................
If you need this information in a different format call 01233 311111.

Data Protection
Ashford Borough Council is the data controller for any personal information you provide in this form.

Your information will only be used to aid with the resolution to your complaint and may be shared across departments within the council or with external council contractors if your complaint requires so.

The legal basis allowing us to process your data will vary depending upon your specific complaint, but will predominantly fall under that of the public interest. Information provided to us will be kept for a suitable period specific to your complaint. For more information on your data protection rights or on how to contact our data protection officer, please visit the data protection pages on our website at www.ashford.gov.uk/gdpr

Useful contacts
Citizens Advice Bureau (Ashford) 3 Church Road, Ashford, Kent TN23 1RD 01233 626185 www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (Tenterden) Town Hall, High Street Tenterden, Kent TN30 6AN 01580 762371

Kent County Council 03000 41 41 41 www.kent.gov.uk

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