



CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

At Crest Nicholson, we aim to provide you with a new home and an accompanying level of care of the highest quality. This commitment extends from our first point of contact through to long after you move in. Our Customer Charter sets out the level of service that you can expect from us; however, we accept that sometimes things may go wrong. We take complaints very seriously and have the following process in place so that we can respond to your complaint and learn from it.

- Most complaints can be dealt with by contacting our dedicated Customer Service team at the divisional office.
- Where this is not the case, and you're not satisfied that the matter has been resolved, then we would request that you escalate your complaint to our Head of Customer Service within the divisional office.
- Lastly, if you remain unsatisfied that the matter has been resolved acceptably, we would request that you refer this to the divisional office Managing Director for further review.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR COMPLAINT

You may make your complaint in any of the following ways:

- Telephone.
- Letter.
- Email.

When contacting us to make a complaint, please provide us with your full contact details and as much information about the problem as possible. This will ensure that we are able to respond to you quickly and fairly.

Please refer to our privacy policy to understand how we manage your information:

 www.crestnicholson.com/privacypolicy

Contact details for our divisional offices and Customer Service Departments can be found in this guide and on our website:

 www.crestnicholson.com/contactus

HOW WE WILL DEAL WITH YOUR COMPLAINT

We will acknowledge your complaint within 3 working days and will endeavour to fully respond to you within 15 working days.

Once your complaint is acknowledged, we will do our best to:

- Fully investigate the complaint, which may require obtaining further information from you.
- Keep you advised of progress.
- Do everything we can to resolve the complaint.

We will, in any event, issue our final response to your complaint within eight weeks of the date on which we first received your complaint. If it is not possible to provide you with a final response within the eight week period, we will write to advise you of the reason for this.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED

If you are a home owner and not satisfied with our final response to your complaint, or if we have not provided a final response within eight weeks from the date of your complaint, then you may refer the matter to your home warranty body, which in most cases will be NHBC, or, where appropriate, you may refer it to the Consumer Code Independent Dispute Resolution Scheme. Your legal rights are not affected by this process.



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In some cases, we may have helped you purchase your home with the provision of a loan directly from us; for example, using Homebuy Direct or Easybuy. If your complaint relates to any aspect concerning the provision of this loan, then you may refer your case to the Financial Ombudsman Service:

The Financial Ombudsman Service
South Quay Plaza
183 Marsh Wall
London E14 9SR



0800 023 4567



complaint.info@financial-ombudsman.org.uk



www.financial-ombudsman.org.uk

You must approach the Financial Ombudsman Service within six months of either the date of our final response or the expiry of the eight week period for making our final response. We will remind you of this right when we make our final response or give reasons why we have not been able to give a final response within the eight week period.