

Making a complaint or a suggestion

Guidance notes for those wishing to register a formal complaint to the Heritage Foundation, or make a suggestion for improving its services.



Introduction

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation aims to create, maintain and develop quality services for its many tenants, customers and the local community.

There may be occasions when, as a user of its services or as someone who has been affected by aspects of its operations or policies, you feel that the Heritage Foundation has failed to deliver a quality service or acted in an unfair manner.

To complement in-house systems of monitoring and reviewing our services, the Heritage Foundation openly invites and welcomes feedback from all those who come into contact with the organisation.

Suggesting ways in which the Heritage Foundation can improve its services and the quality of its performance in their delivery, is most welcome too.

Please use this form to send in your ideas.

Step One

How do I make a complaint?

If you would like to make a formal complaint, you must write to the Heritage Foundation's Chief Executive in the first instance.

His contact details are:

Graham Fisher
Chief Executive
Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation

Foundation House
Icknield Way
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1GD

Please complete this form or put your complaint in the form of a letter to the Chief Executive. Please ensure that you supply your name, address, telephone details and an outline of the issue in question. Remember to sign and date your correspondence.

All such complaints will be acknowledged on receipt, fully investigated and a reply sent within 15 working days.

Step Two

What happens if I am not happy with the reply?

If you are still unhappy after receiving a reply from the Chief Executive, you may consider making a complaint of maladministration.

Maladministration is the failure to follow reasonable procedures. Such complaints may be referred to The Letchworth Commissioner (Ombudsman). This person is appointed by the President of the Law Society under the terms of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Act 1995 (Section 12 Schedule 2). The Ombudsman will not consider a complaint unless Step 1 has been completed. A copy of the Act is available on request from the Heritage Foundation.

The Commissioner's contact details are:

Mr Paul Davies
Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Commissioner
28 High Street
Stevenage
Hertfordshire
SG1 3HF

On receiving any complaint of maladministration, the Commissioner will ensure that the complaint has been fully explored by the Heritage Foundation before instituting his own investigations.

The Commissioner will inform both the complainant and the Heritage Foundation of the outcome of his investigations in the form of a report. Procedures in respect of publishing reports by The Letchworth Commissioner are set out in the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation Act 1995.

Complaints Form

Name (please print):

Address:

Telephone number:

Email:

Details of complaint

Please give detailed account, with dates, facts, names of people involved, as appropriate. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

Signed:

Dated:

For Official use

Received by:

Date:

Date acknowledged:

Reply due by:

Comments/Suggestions

Name (please print):

Address:

Telephone number:

Email:

Nature of incident or reported shortcoming

Please give full details. Continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

Comments/suggested remedy

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary:

Signed:

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Reply due by:



Please send your completed form to us



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