HINCKLEY & BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

# SHEET 1

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

LIGHT DISTURBANCE RECORD SHEET

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| Complaint Reference No: | | | | Officer: | | Please return to:  Pollution Section  Environmental Health  Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council  Hinckley Hub  Rugby Road  Hinckley  Leics LE10 0FR Telephone: 01455 238141 | |
| Light From (Address): | | | | Affecting (Name & Address): | |
| Please provide details of when the light(s) are turned on and when turned off (please mark with an X if you went out), what the source of the light is; i.e security light, security light movement activated, garden light etc., description of how bright the light was, e.g. illuminated the garden, one room in the property, several rooms in the property and how it affected you, e.g. woke you up, unable to stay in garden, interfered with watching TV. Please return after a period of 7 to 14 days in the pre paid envelope, assuming you have made some entries on the sheets. | | | | | | | |
| DATE | TIME  STARTED | TIME FINISHED | NATURE OF LIGHT | | DESCRIPTION OF LIGHT LEVEL | | COMMENTS ON THE EFFECT OF THE LIGHT |
| Example  29/02/01 | Example  10.15pm  or 22.15 | Example  11.30pm  or 23.30 | Example  Security light on between 23.00-06.00 | | Example  Illuminates the entire lounge and kitchen | | Example  Unable to watch television or unable to sleep |
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DECLARATION

The observations I have made are true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I understand that they may be used in legal proceedings and therefore subject to cross- examination. I also understand that these records may be used by other officers from the Council investigating associated nuisances.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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How to Complete Complaint Log Sheets

**What are Complaint Log Sheets?**

These are forms that are required to be completed by someone making a complaint. They show the details of incidents that are causing disturbance to the complainant.

As officers cannot be at every property, the forms are a necessary and key part of any investigation and allow officers to determine the frequency, duration and extent of the problem that is being complained of.

The forms may be used as evidence if the case goes to court and so need to state detailed facts that you as complainant can testify as true and accurate.

**How do I fill in the sections?**

The log sheet gives some examples of how to complete a log sheet. It is important that you ***do not state it is on all day every day.*** This is because in a court it would have to be proven that you were there all the time every day. The more incidents that are logged down will enable a better understanding of how they are affecting you.

It is also important that you give a description of how the problem impacts on you at the time and where you were situated. See examples.

**I have complained before, do I need to fill log sheets out again?**

Even if you have complained before and completed log sheets it is still important that we get accurate, up to date information regarding on-going problems.

**What if I refuse?**

All information collected as part of an investigation forms part of the assessment of nuisance and how it impacts on you. If a log sheet is not completed and returned it may weaken any case in proving nuisance.

**How long do I complete them for?**

You should start to complete them from when you receive them and until you have recorded a number of incidents and then send them on to the investigating officer. If they are not returned within 4 weeks we would then contact you to determine if the problem continues or not. If you fail to return them at this point the case will be closed after 2 weeks. You should also continue to complete the log sheets during the whole investigation unless told otherwise.

**What if I need further help?**

If you need any assistance with the forms or the on-going investigation then please do not hesitate to contact the investigating officer who will be more than willing to help you.