

Application for the erection of a chicken coop



WEYMOUTH
TOWN COUNCIL

Surname: _____

Initials: _____

Address:

Post Code: _____

Tel: _____

Email: _____

Allotment Site: _____

Plot Nos: _____

I hereby make application for permission to erect a chicken coop on the above mentioned plot and I agree to comply with the Council's terms and conditions in respect of buildings maintenance and use of a chicken coop on allotments set out below.

I would like to erect a chicken coop Size: _____

How many chickens will you be keeping Nos: _____

Please indicate the intended position of the coop on the sketch below:



- 1) The position of the coop shall be agreed with the Council or its approved agent before erection.
- 2) When referring to hens, the law means the female of the species and excludes cockerels.
- 3) Tenants are to keep no more than is needed for their own personal use. As a guide, a point-of-lay hen might lay up to five eggs in any week, so the average family would require no more than 3 hens. The maximum number of hens permitted is 5.
- 4) A square metre per hen is the basic minimum in a run, although 1.5 square metres for each hen would be much better.

Based on the keeping of 5 hens, a maximum size run is 7.5 square metres. Further information on keeping hens, including the ideal size of perch, house and scratching land, can be found at the British Hen Welfare Trust www.bhwt.org.uk

- 5) Hens must not be kept for commercial gain.
- 6) No foundations requiring the excavation of footings may be constructed.
- 7) The coop must be kept by the tenant in a clean and tidy condition and in a good state of repair acceptable to the Council. All timber structures shall be stain treated within one calendar month of erection and at least once every third year during the continuance of the tenancy agreement. The tenant shall from time to time do all such things as may be reasonably necessary in the opinion of the Council to comply with this requirement, at the tenants own expense.
- 8) The tenant shall not use the building for any purpose other than that of working their allotment and it shall not be used for residential overnight sleeping, any noisy, noxious, dangerous or offensive purpose which may become a cause of nuisance, annoyance or damage to the Council or their tenants or the owners or occupiers of adjoining land.
- 9) When the tenancy ends, the tenant or their personal representative is responsible for the dismantling and removal of the coop.
- 10) The permission for the erection of the coop can be transferred to a successor tenant by mutual agreement between the outgoing tenant, the incoming tenant and the Council.
- 11) The Council shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage occasioned to the said coop.
- 12) If a tenant holds two or more allotment tenancies with the Council the aggregation of the allowance to provide a larger structure on one only of the allotments is strictly prohibited.
- 13) These rules form an extension of para. 7 of the tenancy agreement relating to the need for permission to erect buildings.

Signed by the said) _____ Date _____
Council's Officer

Signed by the said) _____ Date _____
Tenant