# **Complaints Procedure**

Reading Estate Agent offers a high level of customer service. However, occasionally things do go wrong, and you may need to complain. Please see our complaints procedure below.

## Residential Sales - Estate Agent - Making a complaint

#### **Information for Customers**

Reading Estate Agent is a member of The Property Ombudsman (TPOS). We aim to resolve any complaints raised quickly and efficiently and as such aims to provide the highest standards of service to all our customers. To ensure that your interests are safeguarded, we have a complaints process in place. The aim of this process is to resolve any issues or concerns as quickly as possible, although in the majority of cases we hope that matters such as these are resolved at stage one in branch.

## Stage One - In Branch

All complaints should, in the first instance, be directed to the branch and person you have been dealing with. They will endeavour to resolve your complaint immediately, and no later than five working days of the first notification.

#### Stage Two - Branch Manager

If you remain dissatisfied, you may then further your complaint, which must be in writing, to the Branch Manager. You must write to them within one month of receiving the branch response. They will acknowledge your complaint within three working days of receipt of your letter and provide you with a full written response within 15 working days.

## **Stage Three – Managing Director**

If you remain dissatisfied, you may address your concerns in writing to the Managing Director within one month of the response from the Branch Manager. Your letter will be acknowledged within three working days of receipt and you will be provided with a final view written response on behalf of the Company within 15 working days of receipt of your letter.

The Managing Director Reading Estate Agent 419 Oxford Road Reading Berkshire RG30 1HA

## **Stage Four - The Property Ombudsman**

After you have received a response from the Managing Director, you may approach the Ombudsman if you are not satisfied with the response given. Details of how to do this are contained within the final viewpoint letter, The Property Ombudsman) Consumer Guide or online at <a href="http://www.tpos.co.uk">http://www.tpos.co.uk</a> Please note that you must do so within six months of the date of the final letter. The Property Ombudsman will not consider your complaint until our internal complaints process has been completed.

## Residential Lettings and Property Management - Making a Complaint

## **Information for Customers**

We are a member of The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS) and we aim to provide the highest standards of service to all our Residential Lettings and Property Management customers. In order to ensure that your interests are safeguarded, we have put into place a complaints process which we will follow in dealing with your complaint. Our aim is to handle any issues or concerns as quickly as possible; in order to achieve this we will, wherever we can, try and resolve your complaint at stage one in branch.

## Stage One - In Branch

We receive very few complaints, however we understand that sometimes things don't go exactly to plan and can occasionally go wrong. If this becomes the case, we would prefer that you try to resolve the situation with the member of our team you have been dealing with.

## **Stage Two – Branch Manager**

If they are unable to resolve the situation you may refer it to the Branch Manager. We request that you send a written summary of your complaint to the Branch Manager, within one month of completing Stage 1. They will acknowledge your complaint within 3working days of receipt and provide you with a written response within 10 working days.

## **Stage Three - Managing Director**

Should this still remain outstanding, or if you still remain dissatisfied with any aspect of our handling of your complaint, then please write to the Managing Director at the following address:

The Managing Director Reading Estate Agent 419 Oxford Road Reading Berkshire RG30 1HA

The Managing Director will acknowledge your complaint within three working days and will investigate the issues raised. He will undertake a review of your complaint, including how it's been handled to date, which may include further investigations into the background of your concerns.

Within 10 working days from receipt of your letter, the Managing Director will set out in writing to you his findings and recommendations as a 'final viewpoint' on how he believes your complaint can be resolved.

## **Stage 4 - The Property Ombudsman**

After you have received a response from the Managing Director and if you are not satisfied with his proposed resolution, you may approach The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS). Details of how to do this are contained within the Managing Director's final view point letter alongside a link to the Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS) consumer guide at www.tpos.co.uk

Please note that if you do wish to contact The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS), you must do so within 6 months of the date of the Managing Director's final viewpoint letter. It is also important to note that The Property Ombudsman Service (TPOS) will not consider your complaint until our internal complaints procedure is exhausted.