

## Terms and Conditions

This website is intended to be run for the community, by the community – so we have several moderators/facilitators to foster a constructive, neighbourly atmosphere on the site. If you have any suggestions, or a problem with any aspect of the site, please contact the relevant moderator (or Admin) – here is a [list](#) of them. Note that the site is intended to encourage interaction between individuals, not as a forum for the promotion of businesses.

We have some rules of behaviour to enable the site to run smoothly, and help ensure that most members feel comfortable using the website, and potential members feel encouraged to join it – these are described below. Note that members must be over 18 years of age.

First, a warning – while we encourage members of the site to meet together in person, all the usual **precautions of meeting people via the internet** should be taken, and any such meeting is at your own risk.

By signing up and participating in this website you undertake to observe the standards of behaviour listed below. Any infringements of these may prompt us to edit or delete content, or close discussions, and in the worst cases suspend membership of the site. In most cases the initial response will be for a site moderator to send a personal message or email asking the person to edit or delete their post(s), or warning that their post(s) are about to be edited or deleted. We reserve absolute discretion to take any other action at any time that we believe is necessary to enable the site to achieve its objectives.

### Content (including text and images)

Particular care should be taken to be **courteous** in all interactions, given the tendency of people to be so much less restrained when interacting online than they would if speaking face-to-face. Discuss issues, not the personal characteristics of others. **Disputes with neighbours** should not be pursued on the website (much better to conduct it face-to-face in private, with the assistance of a disinterested mediator). **Language which is offensive**, unlawful, defamatory, deliberately provocative, disruptive or obscene will not be tolerated, as also language which is likely to be offensive on the grounds of race, religion, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Similarly, any posting that violates the **legal rights of others** or could damage a computer (e.g. viruses) will be severely dealt with. We reserve the right to edit or delete content that we believe to be **untrue or misleading**.

We do not tolerate political canvassing or **party politicking**, nor any post that could be construed as **advertising**, unless sanctioned by the website administrators (as in the section of the website headed 'Advertisements'). No **personal information** about yourself or anyone else may be revealed on the website (you can use personal messages for this information, i.e. click on little envelope in the top righthand corner of the website). **Spamming** other members, or posting **links to inappropriate websites** (including those which are pornographic, gratuitously offensive, or anonymous political sites) are forbidden.

**Image files** should only be uploaded to the site if they concern local places or events, or are specifically related to forum discussions.

### Directing Traffic on the Website\*

In forum conversations, try as much as possible to **stay on topic**, and consider starting a new discussion if something else occurs to you (we may move or recategorise comments where we feel a conversation warrants being brought back on topic). **Personal chat** should mostly be confined to personal messages or comments on members' pages.

If we feel that a discussion, or a particular member's level of contributions, are in danger of **dominating the site**, we may close the discussion, or ask the member to reduce their level of contributions. We may also close the discussion if a debate turns to **bickering**. Comments that are **continually repeated** in order to press home a particular point of view may on occasion be culled.

### Declarations of Interest

If you hold a political position, or your membership is on behalf of a trade or profession which has a direct bearing on your membership, this should be clearly disclosed on your member's page, and mentioned when appropriate in discussions. Such trades or professions include: an officer of a local authority, an elected representative, and a journalist. Also, employees or other representatives of organisations which are the subject of discussions should declare their interest (e.g. an employee of the NHS in a discussion about the NHS).

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### Use of Information posted on this Site

We do not vet and are not responsible for any information which is posted on this site. All content is viewed and used by you at your own risk, and we do not warrant the accuracy or reliability of any of the information. The views expressed are those of the individual contributors and not necessarily those of the website.

Members permit Alexandra Park Neighbours to use, reproduce and modify any content placed on the site.

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Note that in addition to the terms and conditions of this website, you will have accepted when you signed up the [terms of service of our platform host](#) (Ning).

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\*Please note that the **Latest Activity panel** on the Home page is intended to give a balanced picture of what is currently happening on the site and what is interesting, and also to offer a broad view of contributors' opinions and activities. It will occasionally be **pruned** with these objectives in mind, but the posts will still be visible on their original pages (e.g. the Forum). If your post disappears from the Latest Activity panel, this is **in no way intended as a criticism!**