



# Making a Code of Conduct complaint against a Councillor

Use this form to make a complaint about the behaviour of a parish, town or district councillor where you believe they have breached the Councillor's Code of Conduct.

East Devon District Council's Code of Conduct is available online [here](#) or by telephoning 01395 516551. Complaints against parish or town councillors should reference the Code of Conduct for the Councillor's town or parish. Where a Councillor is both a parish / town councillor and a district councillor you should identify which role they were acting in when the behaviour complained of occurred.

A link to the complaint process which will be followed can be found [here](#).

(for office use only)

Case reference number:

## 1. Your details

Please provide us with your name and contact details:

<b>Title:</b>	
<b>First name:</b>	
<b>Last name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Daytime telephone:</b>	
<b>Mobile telephone:</b>	
<b>Email address:</b>	

**2. About you**

Please tell us which of the following best describes you:

- Member of the public
- An elected or co-opted member of an authority
- An independent member of the standards committee
- Member of Parliament
- District council, town or parish council employee
- Other – please specify .....

Where you are an East Devon District Councillor please tick the box to confirm that you have consulted the Monitoring Officer prior to making this complaint.

**3. Details of subject member**

Please provide us with the name of the councillor(s) you believe have breached the Code of Conduct and the name of their authority:

First name	Last name	Council name

**4. Details of complaint**

Please explain in this section (or on separate sheets) what the councillor has done that you believe breaches their Code of Conduct. If you are complaining about more than one councillor you should clearly explain what each individual person has done that you believe breaches the Code of Conduct.

It is important that you provide all the information you wish to have taken into account. For example:

- You should identify what made you think the councillor was acting in official capacity (i.e. was acting as a councillor rather than as a private individual).
- You should be specific, wherever possible, about exactly what you are alleging the councillor said or did. For instance, instead of writing that the councillor insulted you, you should state what it was they said. Please include social media evidence where relevant.

- You should provide the dates and dates of the alleged incidents wherever possible. If you cannot provide exact dates it is important to give a general timeframe.
- You must specify which sections of the relevant Code of Conduct you consider have been breached.
- You should confirm whether there are any witnesses to the alleged conduct and provide their names and contact details if possible.
- You should provide any relevant background information including documents and correspondence if relevant to the complaint.

Details of complaint – continue on a separate sheet if necessary.

**5. Remedy**

The complaint process (link at the beginning of the form) details the sanctions available if a breach is found. Please consider them and indicate what action / outcome you are looking for or hoping to achieve in pursuing this complaint.

Details of remedy / outcome sought.

Please tick the box if you are willing to accept an apology from the councillor(s) who you are complaining about.

**Only complete Section 6 if you are seeking for your identity to be kept confidential from the subject member.**

**6. Confidentiality**

When we receive a complaint, the councillor who is being complained about will, in normal circumstances, be told who has complained about them. You can however ask for your identity to remain confidential.

If you ask for your identity to be kept confidential, the monitoring officer will consider your request before telling the councillor that a complaint has been made.

If the monitoring officer doesn't think it is appropriate to grant a request for confidentiality you will be offered the opportunity to withdraw the complaint rather than proceed with it.

Details of why we should withhold your name and/or the details of your complaint:

**7. Please sign and date this form**

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**When you have completed this form, please return it to:**

The Monitoring Officer  
East Devon District Council  
Blackdown House  
Border Road  
Heathpark Industrial Estate  
Honiton  
EX14 1EJ

Email: [monitoringofficer@eastdevon.gov.uk](mailto:monitoringofficer@eastdevon.gov.uk)

**Data Protection**

Any personal information which you provide will be held and used by East Devon District Council for the purpose of processing your complaint that a councillor has breached their Code of Conduct. Your information may also be shared within East Devon District Council for the purposes of carrying out our lawful functions. Otherwise your personal information will not be disclosed to anybody outside East Devon District Council without your permission, unless there is a lawful reason to do so, for example disclosure is necessary for crime prevention or detection purposes. Your information will be held securely and will not be retained for any longer than is necessary. There are a number of rights available to you in relation to our use of your personal information, depending on the reason for processing. Further detail about our use of your personal information can be found in the relevant Privacy Notice which can be accessed [here](#).