

MID BEDS CONVEYANCING SERVICES LIMITED

T/AS DODD AND VAUGHTON

COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

If you have any complaint about the way in which your matter has been dealt with this is the procedure which will be followed:

1. A complaint is an oral or written expression of dissatisfaction which alleges that the complainant has suffered (or may suffer) financial loss, distress, inconvenience, or detriment.
2. We aim to resolve any complaint you have about the service we have given you as quickly as possible. If you are unable to sort things out with the person who has been dealing with you, please contact **Dan Higgs or Tom Vaughton**
3. Once we have received your complaint, Dan Higgs or Tom Vaughton will write to you within 7 days to explain how your complaint will be investigated if a complete response to your complaint has not been made by that time. You will be told the latest date by which a complete answer will be given to your complaint (this should not be more than 28 days after we received your complaint). If you have made the complaint verbally – either at a meeting or on the telephone – we will set out in our full response our understanding of the nature of your complaint.
4. The assessment of the complaint will be based upon a sufficient and fair investigation. We will explain in writing our findings and where the complaint is upheld will offer remedial action or redress. This will be actioned promptly.
5. If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of our handling of your complaint, please feel free to contact **Dan Higgs or Tom Vaughton** who will conduct a separate review of your complaint. You will be told about the conclusion of this review within 28 days.
6. If after following the review process you remain dissatisfied with any aspect of our handling of your complaint, you may contact directly the Legal Ombudsman to ask them to consider the complaint further:

Telephone number : 0300 555 0333

E-mail enquiries@legalombudsman.org.uk. Website : <http://legalombudsman.org.uk>

Address : **Legal Ombudsman, P O Box 6167, Slough, SL1 0EH Tel: 0300 555 0333**

Alternative complaint bodies exist under the EU Consumer ADR 2015. The current ADR entities are available to deal with disputes in the legal sector : Ombudsman Services (www.ombudsman-services.org), ProMediate (www.Promediate.co.uk); Small Claims Mediation (www.small-claims-mediation.co.uk) (“Alternative Complaints Bodies”).

We do not currently agree to use the Alternative Complaints Bodies.

7. Unless it agrees there are good reasons not to do so, the Legal Ombudsman will expect you to allow us to consider and respond to your complaint in accordance with the procedure set out above in the first instance. You can refer your complaint up to 6 months after you have received our final written response to your complaint, and one year from the date of the act or omission being complained about. The ombudsman deals with service related complaints; any conduct related complaints will be referred to the Council for Licensed Conveyancers.