

PRIVATE ALLEYWAY MAINTENANCE

The council is not responsible for maintaining and keeping private alleyways clear of rubbish. These are private property and are usually owned by the people that own the houses they serve.

This places an obligation on you and/or your tenants to:

- Maintain its condition and keep it clear from waste accumulations
- Allow reasonable access for your neighbours by keeping the area behind your property clear of obstructions
- Make sure that it does not provide a nesting site for rats or mice

Nesting sites may include:

- Domestic waste stored incorrectly between the weekly collections
- Dumped garden waste that may provide bedding/nesting sites
- Mattresses/sofas and bedding that provide suitable bedding materials for pests

As most of the alleyways in Dover District are privately owned, it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove any build-up of waste. If the waste was fly tipped, we can only take action if we have evidence of who was responsible. If you have such information, or have witnessed waste being dumped, please contact Customer Services on **01304 872289** or use our website **www.dover.gov.uk/flytipping** to report it. The case will then be assigned to an officer to investigate. They may contact you to obtain further information. However, it remains the responsibility of the alleyway owners to clear the land.

If the waste build up is not removed and provides a food source and/or harbourage for rats or mice or is detrimental to the area a notice may be served on all properties served by the alleyway. This would require removal of all waste, especially items that may provide harbourage and/or a food source for vermin.

If some or all of the waste is not cleared satisfactorily, the council can carry out works in default and charge the costs back to the properties serving the alley.



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