

A nuisance dog

This page gives advice on dangerous dogs, problems around persistent dog barking or dog fouling, and who to report a problem to.

Is it antisocial behaviour?

If a dog is aggressive towards you and you fear for your safety (even if it's not bitten you), please report it to the police immediately.

You'll find [information about the law and dangerous dogs on the gov.uk website](#).

What you can do:

- If you've needed to report frightening behaviour to the police, please also report to us on line [Anti Social Behaviour reporting](#). You will need to include your incident report number and the name of the police officer you spoke to. We may need to use this to speak to the police and you about any next steps.

Dogs barking

Is it antisocial behaviour (ASB)?

Dogs bark for many reasons and may not necessarily be in distress.

There is further information on our website that may be useful around this issue [How to Deal with Barking Dogs](#)

What you can do:

- If you feel safe to do so, have a friendly word with your neighbour they may not realise the barking is causing an issue.
- If your issue is investigated and you still need help, you may be offered mediation by your Housing Officer. Mediation is an informal, confidential and independent service available to help neighbours sort out their differences and reach an agreement. It can help you understand each other's point of view and reach a solution.
- If you have concerns for the animal's welfare it should be reported to the RSPCA.

How to make a report:

- If you'd like to speak with us about a persistent noise issue, please complete the [ASB Reporting Form](#)

Dogs fouling

Is it antisocial behaviour?

This is a criminal offence as part of The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996 if on public land.

What you can do:

- If on housing land, please report to your Housing Officer and Environmental Protection
- If the foul is persistently being left on public land – such as pavements or the park, please contact the police. They may be able to issue a fine if there's enough evidence.

How to make a report:

- If you'd like to speak with us about a persistent dog foul issue on Ipswich Borough Council housing land, please complete our [ASB Reporting Form](#)
- Further information is available on the Ipswich Borough Website.