



Cockerel Noise

If you are affected by noise from a neighbour's problem cockrel it is best in the first instance to try and resolve it informally by discussing it with them or writing to them. The following is provided to suggest steps which can be taken to improve the situation.

Cockrels tend to crow from first light. They can be put into a hen house at night and they cannot see the dawn. If they are let out later in the morning this can delay the early morning crowing. If this alone doesn't work a high level shelf can be put in the hen house to allow the cockrel to walk around at normal height but prevents it stretching its neck to make the crowing sound.

If a number of different cockrels are kept on the same land this can cause problems giving little let up in the noise for neighbours. Consideration should be made for separate hen houses for each breed so when closed in at night smaller cockerels and chickens have a lower ceiling height in their house than the bigger breeds to prevent crowing.

Chicken owners should also remember that they should be kept within the boundary of their own land.

If after speaking to your neighbour the situation doesn't improve contact the Environmental Protection team.