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|  | **Chicken application** | | |
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| Address: |  | | |
| Phone Number |  | | |
| Site: |  | Plot Number: |  |

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| **Application to keep HENS maximum of 10 hens** | |
| State maximum number to be kept |  |
| Dimensions of run: |  |
| Dimensions of coop/hutch: |  |

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| Please provide site plan sketch on back of this document |
| I understand that to be granted permission to keeps hens I am required to abide by the following conditions:   1. **NO COCKERELS!** 2. You must provide a chicken coop with a **floor space of**a minimum of 30 x 30cm (90 square cm) per bird. Perches need to be 4 to 5cm wide with rounded edges. Spacing per bird needs to be at least 30cm per hen. The floor space does not include the nest box. A nest box for laying must be water-tight, with good ventilation. Provide a minimum of two nest boxes with one nest box for every four hens. The accommodation will be of suitable design and will be erected to the satisfaction of the allotment Manager and must be kept in good repair and sited in the position agreed. The maximum floor area of the coop and run is no more than 25% of the plot. 3. In addition to the coop, **EACH** chicken needs 1m square of floor run space for natural behavior i.e., scratching /roaming and stretching wings. The run must be no more than 2.1m heigh, predator proof and well ventilated**. (Most runs that come with a coop are not suitable for the number of birds the coop can house. You will need to add additional run space.)** 4. A good quality feed of either mash or pellets must be provided in a **metal rat/vermin proof feeder.** EAGS will not be involved in any expense for equipment 5. You must provide fresh water and grit for digestion at all times. 6. You will comply with all relevant welfare standards that provide guidance on best practice for hen welfare. Failure to do so can result in removal of the birds at your expense and can result in termination of tenancy. The welfare standards are:  * Freedom from hunger and thirst by ready access to fresh water and a diet to maintain full health and vigor * Freedom from discomfort by providing an appropriate environment including shelter and a comfortable resting area. * Freedom from pain, injury or disease by prevention or rapid diagnosis and treatment of illness/injury. * Freedom to express normal behavior by providing sufficient space, proper facilities, and company of the animal’s own kind. * Freedom from fear and distress by ensuring conditions and care which avoid mental suffering.  1. You will routinely use local and national surveillance information sources for the latest information on disease diagnoses in the area. You must be familiar with the signs and symptoms associated with notifiable diseases which affect hens, including avian influenza and Newcastle disease. If you suspect the flock may be suffering from a notifiable disease, you have a legal duty to report this immediately to APHA and will also report it to the allotment manager. Where notifiable disease is confirmed in birds, there will be mandatory biosecurity measures and restrictions for a considerable length of time and there may be a requirement to confine free range birds to their housing. Keepers who have not registered should seek information from the Defra/APHA disease control website and should sign up to receive APHA disease alerts. 2. You **must** erect a sign on the plot which specifies emergency contact details. 3. You understand that the EAGS will not be involved in any expense caused by the erection of the structure or use of the structure, and you will make good any damage caused to Eastbourne Borough Council’s (the Landlord) property by the erection or use of the structure. 4. You will inform the allotment manager when the structure has been erected so that an inspection can be made 5. You will remove the structure and restore the allotment garden to its existing condition at the end of my tenancy. |

**Laws**

Under the Animal Welfare Act (2006) anyone responsible for an animal has a legal responsibility to meet the five basic welfare needs of animals. This includes hens.

In addition, there are strict laws covering the keeping, feeding, identification, transport and slaughter/killing of farm animals. Contact [**Defra**](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs) for information.

By signing this document, you are declaring that you have read and are agreeing to the terms and conditions set out by EAGS, Eastbourne Borough Council and Defra. Failure to comply with the terms and conditions will result in removal of the birds at your expense and can result in termination of tenancy.

Tick to confirm you have put your plan on the back.

**Signed (tenant) Signed (EAGS manager)**

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| **Please complete one copy of this form in full and return to:**  **The Allotments Manager, Eastbourne Allotments & Gardens Society, Gorringe Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8XL** | |
| **Application APPROVED / REJECTED** | |
| **Date** |  |
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