

In the district of Newark and Sherwood there are no local bylaws preventing any one from keeping goats but you should be aware of other legislation which will be applicable.

The following information may be useful to think about before you make your decision.

1. Check your deeds

Many properties have covenants to prevent you keeping goats and other livestock.

2. Consider how you will avoid vermin

Food and water left out for goats is likely to attract vermin such as rats and mice. Goat sheds may also provide harbourage for rats and mice. Where rats and mice occur in substantial numbers then Environmental Health can take action to eradicate the vermin, this may include the serving of a legal Notice on you and carrying out work in default, the cost of which will be recharged to you. In exceptional circumstances it may also lead to prosecution.

3. Consider how you will keep the area clean and tidy

In warm weather poorly kept goats can result in unpleasant odours emanating and flies from the area, which may become a nuisance to your neighbours. Environmental Health can take action to abate such nuisances; this may include the serving of a legal Notice on you and carrying out work in default, the cost of which will be recharged to you. In exceptional circumstances it may also lead to prosecution.

4. Consider noise issues from the goats you are to keep

Goats like to communicate with each other and such noise can become a nuisance to your neighbours. Environmental Health can take action to abate such nuisances; this may include the serving of a legal Notice on you and carrying out work in default, the cost of which will be recharged to you. In exceptional circumstances it may also lead to prosecution.

5. Consider where you are going to keep your goats

Goat sheds and runs, depending on size may require planning permission. The planning department should be contacted direct on telephone number 01636 650000 or by visiting www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk Additionally the location of the sheds should not be near your own or your neighbour's home.