

## Review of beach hut terms and conditions

The council has been receiving an increasing number of complaints about noise and anti-social behaviour caused by large groups who are using sublet beach huts.

We're therefore reviewing the sublet terms and conditions and are proposing to increase the subletting fee, and we'd like to know what you think.

This review only affects privately owned beach huts in West Beach, Herne Bay and Tankerton. It does not apply to the beach huts the council owns and lets out at Whitstable Harbour.

### Have your say

Please give us your views by completing our questionnaire by 5pm on Monday 3 October.

Once we have analysed all the responses we receive, they will be reported to councillors who will make a decision on the way forward.

1. **Are you responding as...?** Please tick one box only

A resident of the Canterbury district

A visitor to the Canterbury district

A beach hut owner

Someone who has rented a beach hut

Other, please state: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Do you think subletting of beach huts should be permitted?** Please tick one box only

Yes

No

Don't know

2a. **Why?** Please write in below

3. **Have you experienced any problems as a result of beach huts being sublet?**

Please tick one box only

- Yes **Please go to Question 3a**       No **Please go to Question 4**

3a. **Please provide full details of the problems you have experienced and the impact this has had.**

4. **The council is considering introducing a set of terms and conditions for renting beach huts. These would be provided to people when they rent a hut and would also be published when huts are advertised.**

**What do you think about each of the following terms and conditions?** Please tick one box for each restriction

	Support	Object	Neither
Restricting the times during which beach huts can be sublet. For example, only allowing sublets at certain times of the year or during certain times of day	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restricting the number of sublets permitted	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restricting the types of groups beach huts can be sublet to. For example, only allowing families or couples to sublet huts, or preventing stag and hen parties from subletting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Setting a limit to the maximum group size who can rent beach huts - for example, a maximum of six people	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asking hut owners who sublet to provide contact details so they can be contacted if there is a problem on site	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

4a. **Why?** Please write in below

5. **The council is considering setting a yearly sublet fee equal to the yearly site fee. For 2022/23 this would be £547.95 for West Beach, Herne Bay and £773.80 for Tankerton. What do you think about this proposal?** Please tick one box only

Support       Object       Neither

5a. **Why?** Please write in below

6. **Do you have any other comments or suggestions on how the council can tackle issues caused by irresponsible beach hut usage?** Please write in below

**Thank you for your feedback.**