



## NOISE AND SMOKING POLICY

We have chosen to live in our Cohousing community so we all understand the agreement we have made to be tolerant of each other's needs. Members and visitors recognise the difference between our own homes and communal spaces. We can enjoy our homes while empathising with our neighbours.

### NOISE

Our flats are well soundproofed. However, we need to be mindful of the different tolerance levels of our neighbours. Noise can travel between floors, for example – heels clicking and children running or playing ball do affect our neighbours. In addition we can help each other by letting others know if we expect noisy workers, lively children or loud celebrations. Please consider:

- The **Orchard Garden** is a quiet area.
- The **Garden** is primarily for the pleasure of ALL residents. We welcome visitors of any age and ask that we make our guests aware that noise carries on this site and it could affect people. For example, during summer months when we play with children or celebrate with adults, and when we sit on our balcony or terrace socialising – perhaps after 11.00 pm take your visitors into your home.
- **Open windows** - please be aware that sound from radios and music may travel through open windows.
- **Musical instruments** – we celebrate creativity but something like a piano or drums coming to live at OWCH must be negotiated with neighbours.
- Remember to silence **answer-phones** when you are going away on holiday so continued bleeping does not disturb others.
- The **Car Park** - when returning home after 11.00 pm be aware that some people will be asleep so please close car doors quietly. Likewise say your goodbyes to visitors after this time with care for your neighbours.

### SMOKING

**Smoking** is not allowed anywhere at New Ground, except inside individual flats. Please make your visitors and workers aware of this policy.

**Adopted by consensus November 2018**