



Walking-the-Talk Complaints Policy

Our Policy

Walking-the-Talk aims to deliver excellent services to our clients and other stakeholders. In the unfortunate event that you feel we have not met this standard we encourage you to let us know so that we can resolve the matter satisfactorily and look to improve the ways in which we conduct our business.

Our Procedure

If you have a complaint the first step is to raise it informally with your main contact, either verbally or in writing, so that they can resolve it. We would encourage you to raise the matter with them as soon as possible so that they can address your concerns as quickly as possible.

If this does not resolve the matter satisfactorily, we would ask that you make a formal complaint in writing, via email or letter, so that there can be no misunderstanding about the nature of your concerns. The letter/email should be addressed to the Walking-the-Talk partners (partners@walking-the-talk.co.uk).

Once we receive your complaint we will take the following steps:

- 1) We will acknowledge your complaint within 5 working days of its receipt and inform you of who is dealing with your complaint (your named contact).
- 2) Your named contact will look into your complaint, requesting further information if necessary.
- 3) Within 10 working days of your acknowledgement we will write to you to confirm the outcome of your complaint, including any action we propose to take as a result of the inquiry. If we are unable to meet this timescale we will notify you, explaining why, and setting a deadline by which you will hear from us again.

We hope that we are able to resolve your complaint satisfactorily but accept that sometimes this is not possible. All our relevant staff are members of the Chartered Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management (CIEEM) or the Institution of Environmental Sciences (IES) so if your complaint relates to technical competence, you have recourse to CIEEM's professional conduct inquiry procedures (see <https://cieem.net/resource/professional-conduct-inquiry-procedures/>) or the IES code of conduct and complaints form (see https://www.the-ies.org/members_documents). However, if your complaint relates to our business services, invoicing and charges you should contact the Citizen's Advice Consumer Service (UK) or the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission (RoI).