

HOME IMPROVEMENT GUIDANCE NOTE

GARDEN HUTS AND GREENHOUSES

Size and location

1. A hut or greenhouse should have a floor area no larger than 30m².
2. It should be no more than 2.5 metres in height.
3. A second hut, should you wish to build one, shall be no more than half the size of the first.
4. The hut must be at least half a metre from any boundary fence/wall.
5. Huts and greenhouses may not be erected in communal areas.

Construction and maintenance

6. Huts should be constructed using suitable materials agreed with Melville Housing prior to work beginning.
7. The hut or greenhouse must be kept in good condition at all times.
8. Maintenance of the hut or greenhouse is the sole responsibility of the tenant.

Lighting and power

9. If you intend to provide light or power to the hut, any connection to the domestic power supply must be installed by a qualified electrician and to part P of the Building Regulations. We will arrange for a qualified electrical engineer to inspect the work and provide a test certificate. You will have to pay for this work.

Moving out

10. If you end your tenancy you must remove any hut or greenhouse and restore the ground. Any fixings to the walls of the property should be repaired and made good.

Planning permission

11. All developments including garden sheds, huts etc may be subject to planning requirements and you should seek advice from your local council before beginning work. For the avoidance of doubt, permission from Melville Housing Association does not negate the need for local authority approval where required.