

# Home improvements

## Can I make alterations to my flat?

As a Shared Owner you have the right to improve your home. Your lease will confirm whether you are able to make any alterations or additions to the property.

Usually, most leases allow for internal alterations, such as kitchen or bathroom replacement, to be made with our written permission. We will not refuse permission unless we have a good reason. You may also need to get planning permission and building regulations approval before starting any work.

You must not do anything likely to damage the structure of the building or cause damage to shared services (such as removing internal walls, plumbing to the roof tank, door frames, windows, electricity or gas supplies, or sewerage).

A fee may be payable to us to grant permission. You should put your improvement request in writing to the Leasehold & Sales Team

*Please note: We do not need to know about minor work such as decorating.*

If you make any alterations or improvements without our written permission, you will be breaking the terms of your lease. We may then ask you to put your property back to how it was or to make sure the alteration reaches an acceptable standard.

If you are unsure, then please contact the Leasehold & Sales Team.