Guidelines for Keeping Poultry

"Poultry" includes but not limited to, chickens, roosters, hens, ducks and geese

These guidelines are for information and are to be used to assist anyone who wishes to keep poultry.

The keeping of poultry must be in a manner that:
- does not create any nuisances to persons residing in neighboring properties or those in an area that may be affected by the poultry, and
- complies with all Animal Welfare requirements and protects the health and safety of the poultry

POULTRY SHELTERS

Construction and location should be in a manner that facilitates easy cleaning and is located where the poultry will not contribute to or create nuisances.

Shelter location guidelines:
- 1 metre or more from any fence tree or hedge
- 1 metre or more from any other structure
- Located at a maximum distance from any building or structure used for living or working purposes, and from any street or road (where possible a distance of 10 metres shall be maintained)

Shelter construction guidelines:
- Be well constructed with sound materials in a manner as to ensure it is weatherproof, rat proof and is well ventilated.
- have floor place of at least 0.4 square metres for each poultry within the shelter
- Have a front that is covered with wire netting or other approved material and surrounded with the sheet metal or other approved material extending from at least 200mm below ground level to not less than 400mm above ground level.
- Floor to be constructed of or paved with concrete or other approved material to a smooth, hard impervious finish.
- Have at least one door opening above a solid step which shall be at least 400mm above floor level
- Have a rainproof roof with efficient drainage so that all storm water is carried away from the shelter

NUISANCES

Poultry shall be kept in a manner that prevents fly and vermin activity and nuisances from noise, odours, and poultry wandering into or flying over other people's property.

Noise Complaints

Noise form poultry can be a nuisance and it must be addressed. Noisy poultry may be required to be removed from the premises if the noise is not reduced. Roosters are a common source of noise however they are not necessary for hens to lay eggs and therefore it is recommended that roosters are not kept.

Waste Management

All poultry waste and waste produced from the keeping of poultry shall be collected frequently and placed in plastic bags and disposed of immediately into an approved receptacle or rubbish bin with a lid and disposed from the premises at least weekly or as frequently as required to prevent odours.
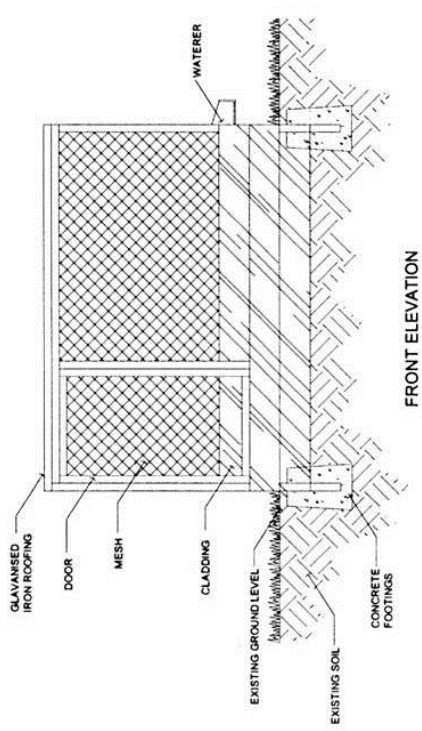
Fly And Vermin Control

Effective waste management and waste storage is the first defense in preventing fly breeding and vermin activity, however proactive use of pesticides is also recommended.
Keep the area around the poultry shelter clear of materials that might provide harborage for vermin. Excess food left inside the shelter may attract rats and mice so make sure that you give the poultry only the amount of food they will eat within a short period of time. Store food in vermin proof containers fitted with lids and kept off the floor. Place rat/mouse baits (as directed) around the shelter to control and prevent vermin activity.
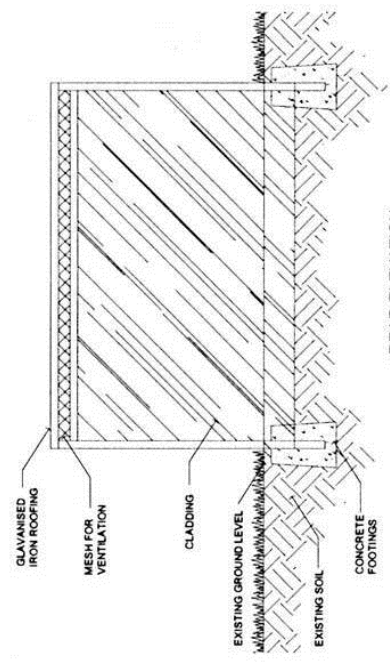
Poultry must always be kept in such a location, structure and condition that it will not cause a nuisance or be injurious to health in any way.
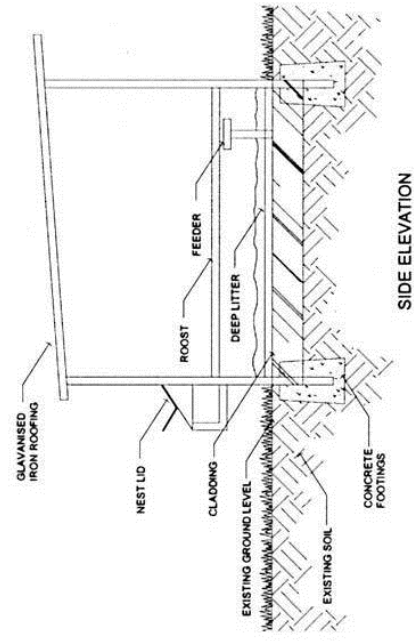
FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have any further questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact the Council on 8406 8222
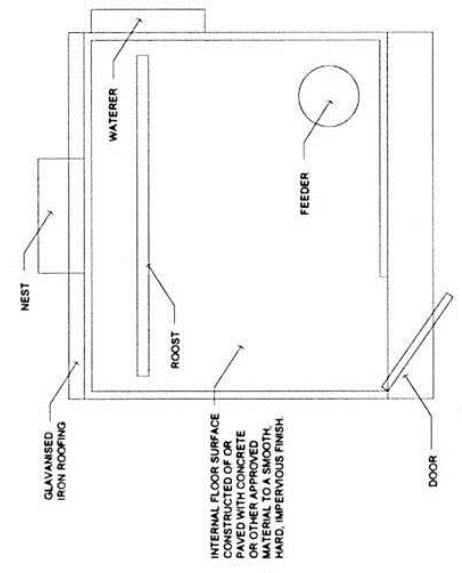
SIDE ELEVATION

GLAVANISED IRON ROOFING
NEST LID
CLADDING
ROOST
FEEDER
DEEP LITTER
EXISTING GROUND LEVEL
EXISTING SOIL
CONCRETE FOOTINGS

REAR ELEVATION

GLAVANISED IRON ROOFING
MESH FOR VENTILATION
CLADDING
EXISTING GROUND LEVEL
EXISTING SOIL
CONCRETE FOOTINGS

FRONT ELEVATION

WATERER
GLAVANISED IRON ROOFING
DOOR
MESH
CLADDING
EXISTING GROUND LEVEL
EXISTING SOIL
CONCRETE FOOTINGS

GROUND PLAN

NEST
WATERER
ROOST
FEEDER
GLAVANISED IRON ROOFING
INTERNAL FLOOR SURFACE CONSTRUCTED OF OR PAVED WITH CONCRETE OR OTHER APPROVED MATERIAL TO A SMOOTH, HARD, IMPERVIOUS FINISH.
DOOR

HOUSEHOLD POULTRY SHELTER FOR 12 BIRDS

Some buildings require Development Approval, therefore prior to constructing your bird shelter please contact the Development of Environmental Services at the City of Salisbury on 8406 8222 to find out whether Development Approval is required.

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