

# A GUIDE TO COLLABORATIVE LAW

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Collaborative Law is an increasingly popular alternative dispute resolution process chosen for couples faced with issues arising from separation, divorce and/or dissolution.

Here at Things we recognise that a threat of Court action can hinder rather than progress any course of constructive negotiation, especially when those discussions centre around such personal issues as private financial arrangements or the children.

Our team of specially trained collaborative law experts are on hand to support you and your partner throughout this unique process and the inevitable, often difficult, discussions ahead of you.

The reality is that most couples manage to find solutions to their problems without needing a Judge at Court to make decisions for them. The collaborative approach is special because it removes any threat of the Court process at an early stage and by doing so, anchors the couple and their support team into positive discussions, which place the goals and aspirations of both you and your partner high on the agenda.

The collaborative process is by no means an easy option, and occasionally emotions can run high. When that happens though your team of experts will be on hand to guide you through.

The long term benefits of dealing with disputes in this practical and sensible way are unquantifiable especially in those cases where children are involved. All too often children can, quite unintentionally, be left emotionally scarred by their warring divorcing parents. This process hopes to avoid that entirely.

For those couples who still care about what the future holds for each of them, a high priority is to handle the impact and legalities of their broken relationship in a civilised and respectful way. If being able to see your partner tomorrow is a more attractive option than seeing them in Court then may be the collaborative process is a suitable process for you to consider.

To find out more about collaborative law and what the process involves, please ask to speak with a member of our team.