



Stafford
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Anti Social Behaviour and Private Sector Housing

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Anti Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014

- Became effective from 20th October 2014
- Provides public sector organisations with more power to deal with issues of anti-social behaviour
- Puts the needs of victims first
- Solutions, should be developed with both partnership agencies and victims
- Gives the victims a say on how their situation is dealt with

What is Anti Social Behaviour?

‘Acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.’

(Crime and Disorder Act 1998)

ASB and Landlords

- Landlords can play an important role when it comes to tackling ASB.
- Working with the police and Local Authority issues can be dealt with more quickly.

If ASB is reported to SBC regarding one of your tenants

- If Stafford Borough Council receive a complaint of Anti Social Behaviour, regarding one of your tenants, we will attempt to contact you in order to inform you of the situation.

The Role of the Landlord

- Most of the time a conversation or a warning from the landlord is all it takes to resolve the problem.
- If this is the case then no further action will be taken by us or the police.

However, if things continue,
there are enforcement powers
that are now available to the
Local Authority.

More Effective Powers:

- Civil Injunctions
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Community Protection Notices
- Closure Power
- Criminal Behaviour Orders

Community Protection Notices

- CPN's are intended to deal with particular, ongoing problems or nuisances which negatively affect the community's quality of life
- Can be issued to any person aged 16 or over or a body, including a business
- A written warning must be issued first
- If a CPN is necessary it can include requirements to do or not do specific things
- A fine can be issued on breach of the CPN
- Police, PCSOs, and SBC ASB Officers can issue and enforce CPNs

Breach of a Community Protection Notice

- It is a criminal offence to breach a CPN.
- If this happens a Fixed Penalty Notice can be issued or a prosecution can be sought by the Local Authority or Police.

Civil Injunctions

- Can prohibit certain behaviours, exclude people from certain areas or contain a number of positive requirements.

Closure Power

- Can close premises that are causing nuisance or disorder
- A closure notice can be issued in the first instance for up to 48 hours but will not prevent the owner or habitual residents accessing the premises
- A closure order can be subsequently issued restricting all access to the premises for up to 6 months

Stafford Borough Council's ASB Team:

- Other areas, such as Rugby, have used the ASB powers against landlords and well as private tenants.
- Would like to work with our landlords wherever possible to try and resolve any anti social behaviour, before it becomes too much of a problem.



Any Questions?