

APPENDIX 1

Summary of Enforcement and Prevention Activities carried out in the affected area

Appendix 1

Summary of previous use of legislative tools and partnership operations

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts

This is a voluntary written agreement between a person who has engaged in anti-social behaviour and the council (or other lead agency). The contract specifies behaviour that the person been involved and which they agree not to continue.

Between March 2014 and December 2016 the council has signed up nine Acceptable Behaviour Contracts with young people who were smoking marijuana on the estate.

ASB Injunctions

These Orders allow the council (and now the police) to take civil action against individuals causing anti-social behaviour. The injunction can offer fast and effective protection for victims and communities and set a clear standard of behaviour for perpetrators, stopping the behaviour from escalating.

Between September 2012 and December 2016 the council has made application and has been successful in obtaining 18 injunctions against individuals who have been engaged in drug dealing and/or drug misuse and sex working on the Love Lane Estate. The council also pursued three breaches of injunctions.

People have been using the play area to deal drugs and drink alcohol which has prevented families with children from using the play area. The ASBAT requested that HfH cut back the bushes inside the play area to make the area more visible and to deter drug dealing and drinking in the play area. Despite cutting back the foliage the ASBAT officers witnessed drug dealers and alcoholics inside the play area on several occasions when visiting the estate.

The last four injunctions were obtained in December 2016 against rough sleepers who had been sleeping rough inside the blocks and urinated and defecated on the stairwells inside the blocks.

Outright Possession Orders

These are orders where the court decides that a resident must leave the property on the date given by the court in the order.

Between September 2012 and December 2016 the council obtained three Possession Orders from the court.

The council made applications for four orders which led to three residents being evicted due to their using the property as a "Crack House" where large numbers of people would attend to smoke Class "A" drugs. The council did make application against another resident whose property was used to grow marijuana, but the resident was moved from the property before the hearing for possession.

Warnings

Two warnings were issued (1) against a tenant for smoking cannabis in the property. (2) against a resident for allowing a known drug user to stay at her home, an injunction had been granted against the individual previously.

Possession Orders

These are orders which enable the council to evict rough sleepers who have been sleeping rough in communal areas of the block or garages on the estate.

Between 2015 - 2016, the Council obtained three orders against people sleeping rough in the communal areas of the block; these individuals had been urinating and defecating on the stairwells. This has necessitated extra cleaning by the Estate Service Officer who has had to clean the mess daily. There has also been vandalism to communal areas of the block particularly glass to communal door or to the side panels of the chute rooms and areas where the rough sleepers have bedded down. Between April 2015 to March 2016 there were 125 incidents of criminal damage mainly to the glazing in communal doors.

The council has carried out three rough sleeping operations with the Home Office Immigration Enforcement Team, the police and StreetLink in order to identify, support those sleeping rough, which may include reconnection for those wishing to return home.

Homes for Haringey installed surveillance systems inside the ground floor of the blocks and on the outside of the blocks to monitor anti-social behaviour activities. A large number of people have been seen on CCTV footage smoking marijuana and taking Class "A" drugs. Drug dealers have been seen loitering outside the blocks when estate visits have been carried out on the estate. During the evening when officers from the council have visited drug dealers have been seen loitering in the both the play park, car parks and estate roads.

Officers have witnessed groups of men smoking marijuana in the foyer and stairwells inside the blocks and the outside communal areas of the estate. Residents on the estate have witnessed people engaged in sexual activity both inside and outside the blocks, some of these incidents have been captured on CCTV. The police have identified a number of individuals and appropriate action has been taken, however, there are a large number of individuals who have engaged in ASB on the estate whose identity remains unknown.

Partnership work with the police

The police have patrolled the estate and have assisted the council to identify those who have engaged in anti-social behaviour on the estate and taken enforcement action against individuals:-

- June 2014 arrested two persons for possession of cannabis
- Arrested three individuals for breaching their injunctions
- Closed a brothel on Whitehall Street
- Police made Love Lane a Ward Priority to deal with drugs/sex working on the estate

- September 2014 arrested and charged a drug dealer for causing criminal damage to a camera at Moselle House. Case prosecuted by the CPS individual pleaded guilty, received suspended sentence and fined £75, £300 compensation to Haringey and £85 court fees.
- January 2015 person dealing drugs on the estate was prosecuted and found guilty, received suspended sentence for criminal damage of the council camera and racial abuse towards council officers.
- Summer Night Lights event took place between August 2015 to September 2015 where the police, local authority and other partners come together to organise a series of events aimed at the whole community. They include fun activities mixed with an opportunity to gain information and advice on issues affecting the community including ASB and crime.
- The council and the police also visited the homes of all vulnerable individuals residing in the block and gave advice on what to do should drug dealers try to befriend them or try to gain access to their homes.
- The council and the police also carried out a number of door knocking exercises in an attempt to engage with residents due to the ongoing nature of the issues. Letters, flyers have been left with those who were out when officers called. Flyers have been distributed to residents letting them know when legal action has been taken to keep up the momentum of reporting incidents when these have been witnessed.

The police confirm that the estate has been suffering high levels of anti-social behaviour and criminality. The police have been called out to the estate and confirm that the rough sleepers using the garages to sleep rough and have been using class "A" drugs. Residents have contacted the police to say that rough sleepers have been seen sitting on the stairwells and Rough sleepers and others have been found inside the blocks on the stairwells taking drugs.

Reports have also been made by residents that individuals have been seen outside blocks smoking drugs. There are also allegations of prostitution and fighting incidents that residents have reported to the police. The police have spoken directly to residents when out on patrol and during their follow up of 101 calls. The police support the implementation of the PSPO and believe this will assist greatly in reducing crime and increase public confidence in both the council and the police. The police have provided an impact statement which is attached to this report.

Partnership working with Homes for Haringey (HFH)

Following reports of drug dealing inside the blocks, HFH funded cameras for three blocks on the estate. The cameras enabled the council to review footage and to download images of individuals found drug dealing and/or misusing drugs and those engaged in sex working inside the blocks. The police identified a number of perpetrators which enabled enforcement action to be taken to prohibit individuals from the block. Although a number of individuals have been identified there are a number of unknown persons who have not been identified by the police or council staff.

HFH have also paid for security firms to patrol the estate during periods of prolific drug dealing and anti-social behaviour.

- 2005 Security Firm - dog handlers & dogs to deal with drug misuse. Drug users found spaced out on stairwells and communal landings.
- 2014 Security Firm – dog handlers & dogs to deal with drug misuse. Drug dealers and drug users inside blocks, injecting drugs and paraphernalia in the communal parts of the block.

In conjunction with the Council's CCTV Surveillance & Project Officer, HFH will be setting up an Estate Watch Model to be installed on Love Lane which with links to ASBAT/police and will enable designated communal areas to be viewed in real time remotely, allowing the council to deter ASB & criminal activities through live communication via intercom and enable the police to carry out effective enforcement activities.

In conjunction with the council & HFH, a drugs advisory and outreach team have attended the Love Lane Estate to carry out outreach with those misusing drugs and to give advice to residents. On the last occasion, 12th May 2016 the team set up three static stalls on the estate and a mobile patrol in the vicinity. In a six hour period the team were able to make 26 interventions.