

Press release



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Anti-social behaviour injunction issued to rowdy tenant

East Durham Homes has taken action against tenant William Elliott of Saturn Close in Easington following his threatening, abusive and nuisance behaviour to local residents.

The behaviour, which included shouting abuse, threatening residents with violence and playing loud music late at night became increasingly serious around September 2012, when action was taken.

Following an initial court hearing at Sunderland County Court on 14 November 2012, Mr Elliott, 50, was served with an interim anti-social behaviour injunction by East Durham Homes.

A further hearing took place on 18 January 2013 at Newcastle combined court where Mr Elliott admitted that he has caused a nuisance and annoyance to others by playing loud music. The original injunction was extended for 12 months.

Under the terms of the injunction Mr Elliott is forbidden from engaging in behaviour which would cause a nuisance, annoyance, intimidate, harass or threaten people in the neighbourhood.

The injunction will be in force until 17 January 2014 and includes the power of arrest. This means that if a breach is suspected, Mr Elliott can be arrested and brought before a judge. A breach of an injunction could lead to a period of imprisonment.

Amanda Fulcher, East Durham Homes Senior Enforcement Officer said: "People have the right to live in peace and quiet and East Durham Homes will take whatever action is necessary to protect that right."

She added: "This action demonstrates to the public how East Durham Homes are working closely with the police and are taking effective action to deal with anti-social behaviour."

Michael Doyle, East Durham Homes Director of Neighbourhood Services said: "We have a dedicated enforcement team in place at East Durham Homes who prevent and tackle anti-social behaviour. They will always try and work with tenants and other agencies to resolve any problems, but if the behaviour continues, as in this case, they will take action to ensure the behaviour stops."

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