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Closure Order granted

27 February 2013



On 19 February 2013, Brownswood Safer Neighbourhoods team closed No.103 Park House, 314 - 322 Seven Sisters Road, N4, for a period of three months.

This was a joint initiative between Hackney Police and Council. The team work in partnership to close properties where serious anti-social behaviour is taking place.

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Brownswood Safer Neighbourhoods policing team was first made aware of problems at the property by residents, who complained of people urinating in the lifts, pushing past people to get into the block, loud music, spitting in the street, late night anti-social behaviour and suspected drug use at the address.

Various arrests have been made in the local vicinity for drug related offences.

Brownswood Safer Neighbourhoods team sought the closure order under a Part 1A Closure Order pursuant to Section 11B of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003.

With the help of the local residents, Thames Magistrates Court granted a closure order on 19 February, and the property has now been secured by Hackney Council.

Acting Police Sergeant John Douglas, from Brownswood Safer Neighbourhoods Team, said: 'This closure is excellent news for the residents of this block, many of whom have been subjected to an awful amount of anti-social behaviour. This was a one bedroom flat with up to ten people gathering in the property at any one time. I would like to thank the local residents, as without their support, this closure order would not have been possible.'

Anyone trying to gain access to the premises during the period of closure will be in breach of the order, which is an offence and is liable to a fine of up to £5K and / or a maximum of 6 months' imprisonment.

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