



Neighbourhood Safety Unit ASB Case Study

1. During the beginning of July 2009, neighbours reported being disturbed by loud music from the Defendant's property and that his visitors were causing a nuisance by using foul language and throwing objects at cars parked in the area.
2. On 16 October 2009 a report was made to the Police of a party taking place at 12.30am at xxxxxx, which is in the vicinity of the property. The complainant reported that the party was spilling out into the street and that everybody appeared to be drunk in gardens, throwing cans around and talking loudly about drugs. The Police arrived and warned all those who had attended the party about their behaviour. The Police log shows that the Defendant was named as being present at this party.
3. On 29 December 2009, the Defendant reported to a Council Officer that on 27 December 2009, the occupier of xxxx had tried to kick his door in, and that one of his windows had been smashed. The Defendant stated that he had reported this matter to the Police. The Defendant stated that another neighbour had disturbed the occupant of xxxx from breaking into his home. Police records show that a report was made to them on 27 December 2009 by the Defendant that he had returned home at 2.00am to find that his front door had been interfered with. The Defendant told the Police that someone had tried to gain entry. The Defendant reported that he had spoken to a neighbour who told the Defendant that they had seen 2 males at the property earlier in the night and that they saw them kicking the door. Officers attended the property later that morning and noted that there was damage to the front door and that the front window had also been broken. No mention was made either when the Defendant contacted the Police, nor when the Police attended that it was a female that he thought was responsible for the damage, nor does the report name who was the suspected culprit.
4. On 6 March 2010, the Defendant was arrested by the Police as a result of an allegation that the Defendant had assaulted a tenant who at that time lived in Ascot Way, York, which is in the vicinity of the property. The Defendant was charged with assault.

5. Around the middle of March 2010 a neighbour reported that the Police attended the property during the morning. They stated that they saw the Defendant escape out of his window and run through the garden. Whilst the Defendant tried to escape the Police he broke 2 of the neighbour's garden chairs and put a hole in their fence. Police records show that during a visit to the property during March 2010 the Defendant did escape arrest by climbing out of his window.
6. On 24 March 2010, at 6.00pm a neighbour reported being disturbed by several of the Defendant's visitors who were at the property being rowdy. They were banging, shouting and swearing. The neighbour could also smell what they thought was cannabis and they suspected that the smell was coming from the property.
7. On 25 March 2010, at 9.00pm a neighbour reported that they were disturbed by 7 to 8 of your visitors within the Defendant's property shouting, banging and arguing. Again, the neighbour suspected that cannabis was being smoked within the property.
8. On 28 March 2010 at 5.00pm until 6.30pm a neighbour reported that they could hear the Defendant arguing with his partner. The neighbour believed that the Defendant was assaulting his partner. They heard the Defendant shouting and banging within the property and his partner was screaming and whimpering. The neighbour called the Police. The Police arrived and because the Defendant was on bail conditions not to approach his partner, due to an earlier allegation which had been made to the Police that he had assaulted her, the Defendant was arrested at the property and brought before the court for breach of bail conditions.
9. On 29 March 2010 a neighbour reported that at approximately 7.00pm they were disturbed by a male who knocked on their window asking for the Defendant. They appeared to the neighbour to be under the influence of either alcohol or illegal substances. At approximately 8.00pm a neighbour reported that the Defendant knocked on their window and was asking the neighbour's visitor whether it was the neighbour who had called the Police the previous day.

10. On 30 March 2010 a neighbour reported that they were disturbed by the sound of the Defendant arguing and fighting with his partner within the property. The neighbour believed that the Defendant had assaulted his partner. The neighbour rang the Police as they were distressed by this incident. The neighbour reported that they were regularly being disturbed by people throwing stones up at the property in order to gain the Defendant's attention and that a man had been seen attempting to gain access to the property. The neighbour commented that the man was under the influence of either alcohol or an illegal substance.
11. On 16 April 2010, at around midnight a neighbour reported that they were waiting for a taxi to arrive when they saw the Defendant coming out of the property. The Defendant started to tell the neighbour about a fight that he had just had and that he was going back out to find the person whom he had been fighting with. The neighbour stated that the Defendant was in possession of a knife. At 12.30am the neighbour reported that they were still waiting for their taxi to arrive a male and female arrived at the property looking for the Defendant. They asked the neighbour where the Defendant was. The male then asked the neighbour if they smoked heroin.
12. On 18 April 2010 between 3.00pm until 4.30pm a neighbour was relaxing at home when they heard a huge banging noise. The neighbour thought that someone was breaking into their property. They then realised that the noise was coming from the property and looked to see the Police with a battering ram trying to gain access to the property. The Police confirmed that the Defendant initially would not allow the Police access but he was arrested within the property once the Police had broken the door in. The Police seized what they suspected to be Class A and B drugs and also what they suspected to be drugs paraphernalia from the property. The Defendant was arrested and was charged with Offering to Supply a Class A drug (Cocaine), offering to Supply a Class B Drug (Cannabis) and offering to Supply a Class B drug (Methadrone). The Defendant is next due to appear in court in relation to these allegations on 17 December 2010. The Police noted that a claw hammer and nun chucks were found under the Defendant's bed.
13. On 18 April 2010 at 10.00pm a neighbour reported that a male who appeared to be one of the Defendant's associates knocked on their

window asking if the Police had left a key for the property. The neighbour noted that the male appeared to be under the influence of either alcohol or an illegal substance. The neighbour also reported that on a regular basis they were being disturbed by the Defendant's visitors throwing stones at his window in order to get his attention and shouting up to the property at all hours of the day and night. They also stated that the Defendant's visitors would knock on the communal door in an attempt to gain someone's attention.

14. On 1 June 2010 a neighbour reported that they were being disturbed by the sound of the Defendant banging around the property, shouting and arguing with his partner. The neighbour also reported being disturbed almost every night by the sound of the Defendant and his partner having sexual intercourse. The neighbour commented that the Defendant's visitors would knock and shout at his window trying to gain his attention.

15. On 2 July 2010 a neighbour reported that they were woken up at 3.00am by the sound of loud sexual activity coming from the property, followed by visitors attending the property and loud, amplified music. The neighbour could hear the Defendant and others referring to the illegal drug M-Cat. The neighbour reported that approximately 2 weeks earlier they had their family round for lunch and were disturbed during the middle of the afternoon by the sound of sexual activity again emanating from the property.

16. On 21 July 2010 from 11.30pm until between 1.00am and 2.00am on 22 July 2010, a neighbour reported being disturbed by constant use of loud and abusive language, shouting and arguing from the property. Other neighbours reported that at approximately 2.00am they could hear loud and abusive language emanating from the property, which appeared to be a domestic argument. One neighbour described hearing "horrific screams" from a female occupying the property. The screams continued for about an hour and the neighbour heard what sounded like the female being dragged out of bed and being beaten up. The neighbour contacted the Police. The Police attended and during their attendance the Defendant could be heard shouting "don't listen to that fucking grass". Police records show that they did attend the property and both the Defendant and his partner were spoken to by officers after they both stated that there had been a verbal argument with no assault taking place. The Defendant's partner was

taken back to her home address for her safety and also to prevent a further breach of the peace. A neighbour also reported hearing 3–4 visitors at the property this particular evening and also shouting, banging and loud music coming from the property.

17. On 24 July 2010, a City of York Council tradesman was called out to change the lock on the communal door serving the block of flats where the Defendant resides. The tradesman was asked by the female to allow access through the communal door in order to access the property. The tradesman knew that it was a male who lived alone at the property, as they have carried out repairs at the property before, therefore, he asked the female why she needed access to the property. She said that she was a joint tenant and had a key to the property. The tradesman said he would let the female into the communal area to which she replied “would it make a noise” and “I will wait round the corner while you do it”. The tradesman said that he would not open the door unless she was present and wanted to go through it, which she then did. The tradesman then heard a loud argument which was followed by the female being heard to scream “stop hitting me” on two separate occasions. The Defendant then asked the tradesman to “get rid” of the female and he was advised this was not the tradesman’s job. The female was seen to walk away from the property herself.

18. During the night of 24 July 2010 into the early hours of 25 July 2010, neighbours reported being disturbed by a loud argument from within the property which was still on-going at 2.00am until 3.00am. The Police arrived at 3.00am with Police dogs also present who were banging on the Defendant’s door in order to gain access to the property. Police records show that they attended as a result of an allegation that the Defendant had threatened to kill a female with a shotgun and that the Defendant was trying to put one of the windows of the property through with a brick. The Defendant had left his property by the time that the Police arrived, however, neighbours reported that they stopped and searched some of the Defendant’s male visitors who were at the property.

19. On 26 July 2010 a neighbour reported they felt very intimidated by the presence of the Defendant’s visitors and that on a regular basis they could hear the sound of arguments between the Defendant and his partner, which they claimed resulted in screaming and fighting.

20. On 26 July 2010 a neighbour reported that between 4.00pm and 11.00pm the Defendant and his visitors were up and down xxxx making a lot of noise. The neighbour believed that the Defendant had been drinking and felt intimidated by his behaviour. The neighbour was disturbed by loud music, swearing, shouting doors and banging doors and that people could be heard constantly coming up and down the communal stairs. 2 neighbours reported that some of the Defendant's visitors were in the street drinking alcohol and that the Defendant was out in the street drinking with them.
21. On 28 July 2010 from 6.00pm until 12.30am neighbours reported that they heard lots of visitors within the property. The neighbours were disturbed by shouting, swearing, the sound of things being dropped on the floor, banging doors and loud music being played within the property.
22. On 30 July 2010 a neighbour reported that from 4.00pm until 6.30pm they heard lots of visitors at the property. The neighbour noted that they were coming in and out of the property shouting, being aggressive, banging doors and constantly going outside to the side of the block of flats where the Defendant resides.
23. On 31 July 2010 neighbours reported being disturbed by noise from 7.30pm until 2.00am from the property, including banging doors, shouting, arguing and swearing. The neighbour saw groups of young people coming and going constantly through the night from the property.
24. On 4 August 2010 a neighbour reported that at approximately 4.00pm they were disturbed by the sound of the Defendant shouting "look, some idiot has put a gate up". The Defendant was referring to a gate which had been put up around the side of one of the neighbour's property in order to prevent the Defendant's visitors from accessing this area. The neighbour reported that the Defendant then tried to peer into their window.

25. On 7 August 2010 from 10.30pm until 11.00pm, a neighbour was disturbed by noise emanating from the property, including noise, shouting and swearing. The neighbour reported that the noise only stopped at 11.00pm due to the Defendant going out with his partner in a taxi.
26. On 8 August 2010 several neighbours reported that at approximately 2.30am they heard the Defendant arrive at his property with his partner in a taxi. They heard the Defendant and his partner both shouting and swearing followed by fighting in the street. The neighbours reported that the Police then arrived, however the Defendant was still being aggressive towards the Police, so they arrested the Defendant. One neighbour commented that even when the Defendant was inside the Police van he was heard to be kicking, shouting and swearing. Several neighbours were disturbed by this incident. Police records show that the Police were notified that the Defendant had assaulted his partner on Thanet Road, York which is in the vicinity of the property whilst he was on his way home. On 2 November 2010 the Defendant was convicted of assault.
27. On 3 September 2010 neighbours reported that the Defendant's visitors were still attending the property and causing a nuisance.
28. On 6 October 2010, a complainant reported that visitors to the property were shouting up at the Defendant's windows in the early hours of the morning.
29. On 8 October 2010, from about 11.30pm, a neighbour could hear arguing shouting and banging coming from the property. The Defendant's voice and the voices of his visitors could be heard. Later, at about 3.00am at least two neighbours saw the Defendant fighting with other men at the end of the cul de sac.
30. On 9 October 2010 a neighbour reported hearing constant banging around within the property, doors being slammed, shouting, and lots of visitors attending the property. The neighbour stated that this noise continued until midnight.

31. On 10 October 2010, at 1.30am, a neighbour reported being disturbed by the sound of the Defendant's bed creaking and banging against the wall. The noise was so loud that the neighbour had to turn up the television volume up in order to try to drown the noise out. The neighbour states that the Defendant then went to their property, banged on the front door and shouted through the letter box that he would make a complaint about the noise coming from their television. The Defendant then continued to shout at his neighbour from the garden area saying "go on, make a fucking complaint about me". The Defendant was extremely aggressive in his manner towards the neighbour.
32. On 21 October 2010 a neighbour reported that at approximately 7.45pm they heard the Defendant shout "I'm going to kick someone's fucking door in". This was followed by the sound of the Defendant shouting and swearing within the property.
33. On 25 October 2010 a neighbour reported that when they arrived home at 3.00am, they stated that a bicycle had been thrown in front of their front door. They had to move it in order to get through their front door. The neighbour reported that they were disturbed by noise and banging within the property between 3.00pm until 6.00pm. The neighbour also reported that they found cigarette ends which appeared to have been thrown from the Defendant's window out into the communal area.
34. On 26 October 2010 from 1.40am until 3.00am a neighbour reported being disturbed by the sound of the Defendant and his visitors banging around the property, shouting and swearing. The neighbour reported that they could hear aggressive behaviour within the property.
35. On 27 October 2010 from 5.00pm until 7.00pm a neighbour reported being disturbed by the sound of the Defendant and his visitors banging around in the property, slamming doors, shouting and playing music. A car then arrived outside the property and the driver, in order to gain the Defendant's attention sounded the horn for approximately 10 minutes. The Defendant then came down to speak with the driver. The Defendant later went out but a neighbour reported that he returned to the property at 11.30pm with his visitors. Loud music could then be heard within the property, followed by banging and shouting.

The neighbour reported that they heard what sounded like large items being thrown around the property and that the Defendant and his visitors spilled out into the street and were swearing and shouting. Other neighbours were disturbed by a disturbance in the street, one complainant reported that the Defendant was using abusive language and that he attacked a female outside in the street. The complainant stated that the Defendant took his shirt off, pulled the female to the floor by her hair and then kicked or punched her. The Police were called and attended and the Defendant was present in xxxxx. The Defendant told officers that he had had a minor argument with a female friend. A neighbour reported that the Police visited various local residents that morning and were asking whether they had been disturbed by any events. One neighbour told the Police that they were disturbed by noise from the property on a regular basis. At approximately 1.00am a neighbour reported hearing someone wolf whistle up to the property and they were then disturbed by the sound of sexual activity taking place within the property until 3.00am.

36. On 28 October 2010 at 9.00pm a neighbour reported being disturbed by the sound of lots of people in the property, shouting, banging around and slamming doors. The neighbour reported that this went on until 1.00 a.m.

37. On 29 October 2010 at 1.30pm a neighbour reported that they could hear the Defendant shouting from the window of the property to a female who was outside. The Defendant was heard to raise his voice, making remarks about a letter that he had received from the Council. The Defendant was heard to say “it’s all down to her, that slag below me” and the complainant also reported that the Defendant used words including “dickhead” and “grass”. The neighbour reported that the Defendant said that he would “speak to that bloke of hers as well”. The neighbour then heard the Defendant say “If I get kicked out of this flat then all the windows in this street are going to be put through”. This was followed by the Defendant slamming his window shut and shouting “I will have my fucking music on as loud as I want”.

38. On 30 October 2010 at 1.30am a report was received that one of the Defendant’s female visitors knocked on the door and window of another neighbouring property. No-one appeared to be in the neighbouring property. The Defendant’s female visitor continued to knock until someone eventually came to the window. The female

asked the neighbour for a cigarette and when the neighbour refused, the female asked if she could have some of the neighbour's cigarette. The female told the neighbour that she had been doing "you know what". Due to the nature of the conversation, the complainant took the female to mean that she had taken some sort of illegal substance, they also commented that the female appeared to be acting as though she was under the influence of drugs. The neighbour gave the female the rest of their cigarette and the female asked the neighbour for a kiss. The complainant made reference to the fact that the Defendant had previously asked neighbours for tobacco in order to smoke a "joint" (Cannabis).

39. On 30 October 2010 at 2.45am a neighbour reported hearing loud noises from the property, including shouting, arguing and swearing. The neighbour reported that they heard a conversation take place concerning fighting and that the Defendant's visitors did not leave the property until approximately 3.15am. They then reported hearing the Defendant and a female arguing within the property and the sound of shouting and swearing, which went on until 5.00am.

40. On 30 October 2010 at 8.45pm a neighbour reported that they saw the Defendant and one of his visitors arrive at the property. They saw that the Defendant was hanging around the communal area outside the property and that it appeared that he had locked himself out. The Defendant was heard to say "if that dickhead in there hadn't blocked off her garden, I would be able to get in the back way".

41. On 31 October 2010 a neighbour reported being disturbed at 1.25am by the sound of loud shouting, arguing and slamming of doors within the property, which went on until 3.00am.

42. On 1 November 2010 at 2.30 a.m. a neighbour reported being woken up by a party in the property. At least six people were there, if not more. They were very loud and shouting, banging and stamping around the flat. The neighbour reported that the noise went on until 5.30 a.m.

43. On 3 November 2010 a neighbour reported seeing the Defendant and his visitors hanging around the block of flats where he resides,

disappearing down passageways and behind trees to carry out what appeared to the neighbour to be illegal activity. They also reported that they had seen the Defendant in the street late at night getting into fights with his associates.

44. On 6 November 2010 a neighbour reported that at 2.10am they were disturbed by the sound of someone slamming the Defendant's front door, followed by shouting and swearing which went on until 3.00am. The Council's Environmental Protection Unit installed noise monitoring equipment into a neighbouring property which recorded aggressive shouting and raised voices, heavy footsteps and foul language including the word "fuck" being used at 2.09am. At 2.25am the noise monitoring equipment recorded loud shouting including "yeah.....football with me mates.....because fucking....you know what I mean? I really don't like....". Music was heard but this was drowned out by thudding noises from those moving around within the property. Further talking was recorded "you and me are good mates, me and you are good mates....don't fucking come at me....I'm not having nowt.....12 months or summat like that". The recording equipment then picked up what sounded like something being dragged around the property.

45. On 6 November 2010 at 11.45pm a neighbour reported being disturbed by the sound of 3 people shouting and swearing loudly from within the property. The neighbour reported that they heard the Defendant say "I will cut her throat". The Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded raised voices and banging around the property, several people in the property and music being heard followed by someone chanting "easy...easy....easy" between 11.41pm and 11.46pm.

46. On 8 November 2010 a neighbour reported that at 1.30am they were disturbed by the sound of banging and shouting within the property. Once the shouting and arguing had stopped, the neighbour was then disturbed by the sound of sexual activity between the Defendant and a female. At 2.00pm a neighbour was disturbed by one of the Defendant's visitors arriving at the property sounding their car horn continuously until you went out into the street to speak to them. They left shortly afterwards. At 2.20pm a neighbour reported being disturbed by a group of 5 males who arrived at the property for 5 minutes, but during this time they were banging about, shouting and

swearing. The Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded raised voices and the words "still fucking here" between 2.21pm and 2.26pm.

47. On 10 November 2010 a neighbour reported that at 6.15am they were disturbed by the sound of the Defendant's visitors arriving at the property, banging on the door, shouting the Defendant's name and asking him to open the door. They were allowed into the property and then continued to talk loud, swear and bang around the property. The Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded raised voices and the words "I want to go out". At 6.47am a neighbour reported hearing the Defendant and his visitors banging around the property, talking loudly and swearing. They heard a discussion within the property concerning aggressive fighting talk and what they had done to people, what they were going to do and how hard they all were. The Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded raised voices and someone say "come on Jordan....you know what I mean". At 6.55am a neighbour reported hearing someone whistling outside the property and shouting up to the Defendant. There was then a discussion about a car. The neighbour reported that the males were still in the property at 9.30am and loud talking about fights and drugs could be heard. One of the males was heard to keep shouting "bang, bang, bang". The Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded raised voices and a discussion and someone say "no matter who are, anytime, anyplace, no matter who are, how hard....I don't give a fuck.....I'm not having it, you know what I mean?" At 10.23am the Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded a raised male's voice from the property. They were recorded to say "If I'm loud yeah, why don't they come up? You know what I mean?" At 11.41am the Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded loud bass music coming from the property which could be heard over a neighbour's television.

48. On 11 November 2010 the Council's noise monitoring equipment recorded loud dance music with a heavy bass being played from the property at 12.36pm. At 1.43pm the noise monitoring equipment recorded music from within the property. A neighbour reported being disturbed at noon by the sound of loud knocking on the Defendant's door, followed by the Defendant shouting "who is it?" and then further banging around the property, followed by loud music.

49. On 17 November 2010 a neighbour reported being disturbed by what sounded like computer games being played within the property at

2.30pm which went on until 4.10pm. This was followed by shouting and arguing between the Defendant and a female at 6.00pm, which went on for approximately 40 minutes.

50. On 18 November 2010 at 4.30pm a neighbour reported being disturbed by banging, shouting and swearing within the property between the Defendant and a female.

51. On 19 November 2010 at 7.50pm a neighbour reported that there were 4-5 people in the property. The neighbour stated that they were disturbed by shouting, banging around and playing loud music, which got louder at 9.05pm. At 10.05pm the noise was still continuing, but the neighbour stated that shouting and swearing could also be heard.

52. On 20 November 2010 a neighbour reported being disturbed at 2.30am by the sound of the Defendant arguing with a female in his bedroom. The neighbour heard the Defendant tell the female to “fuck off”.

53. On 29 November 2010, during the morning, a neighbour reported being disturbed by the sound of banging within the property.