

Officers at Enfield Homes were aware of the issues with drugs and immoral activities prior to receipt of the petition. The majority of the problems were being caused by the residents and visitors to two properties within the block, neither of which were managed by Enfield Homes. Following initial contact with the managing agents responsible for letting the properties, a member of the Anti-Social Behaviour Team visited the agents with a police officer from the Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT), in order to outline the seriousness of the offences being committed and the action that would be taken.

On 25 August Enfield Homes were advised by the Community Safety Unit that the Police were in the process of applying for a Closure Order on one of the properties only, as the managing agents were already taking possession action against the occupants of the second property. On 26 August Enfield Homes worked with the Police in order to establish witnesses for these proceedings.

At the local police CAPE meeting, on 23 September, Enfield Homes were advised that both households had been successfully evicted by the managing agents, without the need for the Closure Order.

The Estate Manager has since spoken to many of the petitioners, during her visits to the block, and many are satisfied that the problems that led to the petition have been resolved.

Enfield Homes is aware that there are still concerns about youths hanging around in the communal areas, however I am advised that the security doors have not been breached. There appears to be an enduring problem of residents letting non residents into the block, or at least not preventing them from following them into the block. Enfield Homes officers will continue to try and influence this behaviour by placing an article in the estate newsletter, putting up leaflets in the block and ensuring that the Safer Neighbourhood Team patrols continue.

The request for CCTV at this site is not felt to be an appropriate solution. CCTV has not been shown to prevent the behaviours complained about as youths just tend to put their hoods up and, more importantly, if you don't know the identity of the people that you are filming the information is of little use.

With regard to security personnel patrolling, there are a number of complicating factors that make this option difficult to implement, as well as the fact that the costs would have to be met by the residents and these costs may not be an eligible charge for Housing Benefit purposes.

Your ward councillors have however asked that Enfield Homes and the other agencies continue to monitor the situation and take further steps if necessary.