

Anti-Social Behaviour and Social Housing Conference 2011

The unmissable annual event for all ASB and housing management teams within local authorities and RSLs

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*ASB and the
New Grounds for
Possession by
Jan Luba QC*



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Programme:

- **ASB and the New Grounds for Possession**
- **Policy Update: including The New Respect ASB Charter**
- **Case law update: injunctions, ASBOs, CRASBOs and more**
- **Combating ASB: RSLs and local authority partnerships**
- **ASB problem areas including:**
 - **Mental Health and Possession in ASB Cases**
 - **Premises Closure Orders**
- **A harm centred approach to ASB: does it work?**
- **Maximising the Chances of Getting the ASB Order You Want**
- **Ask the Experts**

SPEAKERS

- **Jan Luba QC**, Garden Court Chambers
- **Aaron Devereaux**, Community Safety Manager, Brighton & Hove Council
- **Liz Chambers**, Community Safety Manager, Peabody
- **Tess Ash**, ASB Action Team
- **Gill Marshall**, Solicitor, Leeds City Council
- **Edmund Hall**, Crown Prosecutor

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- Anti-Social Behaviour Teams
- Community Safety Teams
- Housing Management Teams
- Estate Managers and Officers
- Housing Policy Personnel
- RSL, Local Authority, ALMO and H.A.T. Lawyers
- Housing Lawyers in private practice
- Tenancy Advisors

SPEAKERS

Jan Luba QC Garden Court Chambers, London. His many years of experience combined with his encyclopaedic knowledge of housing law make him ideally placed to lead this year's conference. Jan continues to hold 'star performer' status in the widely respected, *Chambers Directory of the Legal Profession*.

Tess Ash ASB action team adviser at CiH. Tess has vast experience in working in the public sector including estate management and had management responsibility for two large housing estates in Manchester. Since 2000 Tess has specialised as an ASB practitioner with the nationally recognised Anti Social Behaviour Action Team, and has extensive experience in managing ASB casework at an operational level as well as being involved in the development and implementation of the wider ASB strategy in Manchester.

Liz Chambers Community safety manager and strategic lead for community safety at Peabody. Peabody's community safety team work on high risk ASB cases as well as providing advice, support and guidance to other departments on ASB issues. Liz chairs the London Housing ASB Group and also sits on the London ASB Board (part of the London Community Safety Partnership), which co-ordinates London wide projects to tackle ASB. Liz has recently been involved in co-ordinating the g15 response to the Home Office consultation on ASB tools and powers, and was part of the National Steering Group reviewing the existing Respect Standard.

Gill Marshall Solicitor section head, Leeds City Council. Gill manages a specialist team which deals with anti-social behaviour. She has been involved in anti-social behaviour and social housing cases for over 12 years. Her breadth of legal knowledge and front-line experience in all kinds of ASB work enable her to offer practical examples of solutions to ASB problems.

Aaron Devereaux Community safety manager – ASB, Brighton and Hove Council. Aaron has led on integrating two existing teams covering hate incidents/crimes and anti-social behaviour into one approach, based on responding to harm, risk and vulnerability. He also acted as a Home Office Advisor, working on the development of a new harm centred approach to tackling anti-social behaviour and crime.

Edmund Hall Crown prosecutor, Complex Casework Unit: ASB and Public Order Offences, London. Edmund has worked for CPS London since 1990. He prosecuted in a variety of inner London courts, developing an interest in ASB work when encountering the use of ASBOs. Since 2004 Edmund has had overall responsibility for ASBO work within CPS London.

Programme

09.00–09.50

Registration and Refreshments

09.50–10.00

Chairman's Introduction

Jan Luba QC

10.00–10.30

Policy Update

Tess Ash

- The Big Society and Localism
- The New Respect ASB Charter for housing providers
- More new tools, more new powers

10.30–11.10

ASB and the New Grounds for Possession

Jan Luba QC

① **The New Mandatory Ground**

- What will it look like?
- How will it work?
- Will convictions prior to enactment count?
- Will it stand up to Human Rights Act challenges?
- The likely response of the courts

② **The Enlarged Discretionary Grounds**

- Enlarging the 'Locality' condition
- What ASB, beyond the immediate neighbourhood of the property, will count?
- What if your organisation's tenancy agreement only takes account of ASB near the property?
- Tenant responsibility for the actions of others
- Reasonableness

11.10–11.25

Refreshments

11.25–12.00

How to Manage and Make Use of RSL/Local Authority Partnerships in Combating ASB

Liz Chambers

- Data sharing
- Cost savings

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- Systems
- Procedures
- Examples of where it can go wrong
- How to get it right
- Best practice examples

12.00–12.45

ASB Problem Areas

Gill Marshall

- **Mental Health and Possession in ASB cases**
 - Mental Capacity and its impact on ASB cases
 - medical reports
 - the role of the Court of Protection
 - interacting with the Official Solicitor
 - practical problems and how to overcome them
- **Premises Closure Orders**
 - what kind of behaviour qualifies to invoke the closure order jurisdiction?
 - getting the authorisation needed by:
 - councils
 - RSLs
 - defending adjournment requests
 - a guide to best practice

12.45–13.00

Questions and Answers

Panel

13.00–14.00

Lunch

14.00–14.45

A Harm Centred Approach to ASB in Social Housing

Aaron Devereaux

- Risk Assessment Tools and Powers
- Understanding Harm and Vulnerability and its impact on tenants and families
- Responding to Harm
- Case management

14.45–15.30

Maximising the Chances of Getting the ASB Order You Want: A Crown Prosecutor's Guide for Social Landlords

Edmund Hall

- What to go for and what not to go for
- What factors the court will really take into account
- Evidence – tips and pointers
- Practical examples and analysis

15.30–15.45

Refreshments

15.45–16.30

What the Latest Decisions Say: Possession, Injunctions, ASBOs and More

Jan Luba QC

- ASBOs, CRASBOs, and other remedies from the criminal courts
- Civil Court Injunctions and their enforcement
- Possession cases
- Occupiers without security of tenure
- Does the landlord have a legal duty to act on ASB?
- The Ombudsmen as 'ASB Policemen'

16.30–16.45

Questions and Answers

Panel

16.45

Close of Conference

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