

Appendix 2: Enforcement action taken by East Lindsey District Council in partnership with Lincolnshire Police to address Anti-Social Behaviour between 1st April 23 & 31st March 24

East Lindsey District Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Officer works in partnership with Lincolnshire Police, Housing Associations, and other agencies to tackle Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB). Officers follow the guidance set out in the Countywide procedures for tackling ASB in Lincolnshire, which details the tools and powers provided by the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The full act can be accessed [here](#).

An incremental approach is used to encourage people to stop the ASB by offering advice and warnings before considering more formal methods. Where appropriate, people are provided with support, guidance and signposting to other organisations who may be able to help.

The process differs for adults and young people, below is an example of the approach.

Stage 1

Adults and Under 18s: Advice letter (for under 18s a letter is also sent to the parent/guardian).

Stage 2

Adults and Under 18s: Warning letter (for under 18s a letter is also sent to the parent/guardian).

Stage 3

Adults: Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)

Under 18s: Acceptable Behaviour Agreement (ABA)

Stage 4 (formal action)

Adults: Community Protection Notice (CPN)

Under 18s: Civil Injunction

Enforcement Data – Anti-Social Behaviour

The table below shows the type of enforcement action used in East Lindsey to tackle ASB between 1st April 2023 and 31st March 2024, with comparisons to the previous three financial years.

General Anti-Social Behaviour - Informal & formal action

Year	Stage 1	Stage 2	ABA	Injunction	CPNW	CPN
2023-24	147	45	4	0	2	2
2022-23	143	13	3	1	0	0
2021-22	141	30	3	0	0	0
2020-21	70	20	0	2	0	0

Of the 147 Stage 1 letters issued in 2023-24, 122 were issued to young people and 25 to adults, 84 letters were given to individuals living in the Wolds and 63 to those along the Coast. All of the Stage 1 letters were issued for Inconsiderate Behaviour.

Of the 45 Stage 2 letters issued, 37 were issued to young people and eight to adults, 26 were issued to people in the Wolds and 19 along the Coast. All letters were issued for Inconsiderate Behaviour.

The majority of letters issued to young people involve groups whereby all are issued a letter to deter further involvement in the unwanted behaviour.

Enforcement Data – Noxious Odour Process

In March 2023, a pilot was introduced in Boston to address reports of noxious fumes, linked to drug odour, which affects the quality of life of individuals in the community. In November 2023, the process was expanded to the whole of Lincolnshire with the launch of the Lincolnshire Noxious Odour Procedure (Residential Premises).

The process is incremental, starting with advice and warning letters then moving to a Community Protection Notice Warning and full Notice if the problem persists and can be evidenced.

The table below shows the number of enforcement actions taken between 1st November 2023 and 31st March 2024 in East Lindsey.

*Noxious Odours Procedure –
Informal & formal action taken between 1st November 2023 and 31st March 2024*

	Stage 1 Advice	Stage 2 Warning	Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW)	Community Protection Notice (CPN)
Number of actions taken	2	0	0	0

As the noxious odour procedure is relatively new it has not been tested fully to-date in terms of the more formal measures. However, an individual has been prosecuted in another county using a similar process so this provides reassurance that our process will be successful if followed appropriately.