

ELM PARISH COUNCIL

Anti-Social Behaviour Policy

What is Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)?

Defined in the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003, it is 'behaviour by a person which causes; or is likely to cause; harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person.'

There are different forms of ASB including:

- Personal ASB, when someone targets a specific individual or group for example; physical violence, verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation or hate related incidents (to include those based on; gender, sexual orientation, race or disability).
- Vandalism and damage to property (for example; play equipment).
- Criminal activities for example; drug taking/dealing.

In all of the above examples, incidents should be reported to the police **first**; see contact information below.

There are other forms of nuisance which may not always be classed as ASB including;

- Noise, smoke, air, light pollution
- Problem neighbours
- Enviro-crime for example; fly tipping, dog fouling, graffiti or littering (including syringes and NOx cannisters)
- In situations concerning a Housing Association property; neighbour disputes, untidy gardens, noise nuisance and tenancy breaches.

In these situations it may be more appropriate to report the issue to Fenland District Council or (where applicable) a Housing Association.

It may also be appropriate to politely talk to the individual(s) responsible for nuisance behaviour (a neighbour for example). Calmly discussing the behaviour and its impact may stop it from happening as they may not realise their behaviour is causing a nuisance.

Never approach or attempt contact with perpetrators if it will put your personal safety at risk.

CCTV concerns - Use of domestic CCTV is covered by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). Any complaints over the use of home CCTV systems should be [reported to the ICO](#). The ICO also offers [general guidance about CCTV issues](#).

Reporting anti-social behaviour

When reporting an incident of anti-social behaviour you will be asked to provide; where possible;

specific details of the incident including:

- Details of the date and time,
- What actually happened
- Who was involved
- Whether anyone else was affected by it.

It is also a good idea to keep a record of incidents (including date and time) in a diary/log.

A number of organisations work together to deal with anti-social behaviour, who to contact depends on your situation, the type of behaviour and the impact it is having.

Reporting antisocial behaviour to the police;

Report antisocial behaviour to the police if you feel threatened or you think the behaviour could be breaking the law, for example, if it includes:

- threatening, offensive or indecent behaviour
- a dog behaving aggressively
- vehicle theft
- illegal drugs or drug dealing
- vandalism of your home or other private property
- speeding or dangerous driving.

Criminal offences should always be reported directly to the police.

Call 999 if you or someone else is in immediate danger, or if the crime is in progress.

If it is not an emergency, report it:

- by calling 101 (from within the UK)
- via a [Cambs Police Antisocial Behaviour Report](#) or [Cambs Police Web Chat 101](#)
- by visiting a police station.

Crimestoppers may also be contacted concerning suspicious behaviour T. 0800 555 111.

Reporting nuisance anti-social behaviour to Fenland District Council & other relevant parties;

- Issues can be reported to Fenland District Council at; www.fenland.gov.uk/antisocialbehaviour
- Elm Parish Council at; clerk@elm-pc.org.uk or, admin@elm-pc.org.uk , Council is keeping a log of incidents.
- You may also wish to report concerns to your District and/or County Councillors at;
Droy@fenland.gov.uk ; msummers@fenland.gov.uk ; Stefan.Fisher@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

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