



# Press release

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## Gloucester City Homes achieves successful legal action for breach of anti social behaviour injunction

Gloucester City Homes has taken successful legal action against a 72-year old leaseholder for breaching his Anti Social Behaviour Injunction.

The hearing took place on Friday 30 April 2010 at Gloucester County Court and was heard by His Honour District Judge Thomas. The victim, a neighbour, and a second resident living in the locality, came forward and gave evidence in support of the committal hearing.

Marcel Dumoitier, a leaseholder in Columbia Close, Kingsholm, now living in Hucclecote has been sentenced to one month in prison, suspended for two years. He was ordered to pay all court costs incurred by the Claimant, Gloucester City Homes, in addition to paying his own defence court costs after shouting abuse at a neighbour on 9 April 2010.

Gloucester City Homes succeeded in obtaining a full Anti-Social Injunction against Marcel Dumoitier on 2 November 2009, which stopped him from causing alarm and distress to his neighbours after years of nuisance behaviour. The injunction has a power of arrest attached and breach of an injunction is dealt with by way of civil proceedings for contempt of court, which has a maximum two-year period of imprisonment.

Sara Taylor, Anti Social Behaviour Team Leader for Gloucester City Homes said: "I am delighted to have taken this action against someone who has breached their conditions of injunction, regardless of their age. I hope that the risk of going to prison will provide one final opportunity Mr Dumoitier to think twice before breaching his order again. He cannot continue to cause further upset, annoyance, alarm and distress to his neighbours without fear of reprisals."

Victoria King-Lowe, Anti Social Behaviour Manager said, "Once again this has highlighted our commitment to not only getting the orders but continuing to enforce them when necessary and also how well we work in partnership to achieve this".

Chief Executive Ashley Green added, “Yet again we have taken strong action against someone who seems to think he can simply ignore the law. Yet again, we have brought him back to Court and I sincerely hope Mr Dumoitier learns this time, otherwise I am sure he will find himself in Prison. I hope that it does not come to this, but if he continues to upset the peace and quiet of everyone else, then he will no doubt face the consequences of his actions. Gloucester City Homes has zero tolerance on Anti-Social Behaviour”.

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**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

**Gloucester City Homes** is a 2 star Arms Length Management Company, which provides housing management services to 4900 homes in Gloucester on behalf of the City Council. The company is carrying out a £40 million improvement programme to bring customers’ homes to the Decent Homes Standard. Since Gloucester City Homes was created in 2005 it has:

- Achieved a 2\* rating (Good service) from the Audit Commission in June 2007
- Secured £39.6 million in Decent Homes funding to meet the Government’s Decent Homes standard and completed improvements to over 3000 homes in the City.
- Become the first housing provider in the County to achieve a Gold standard for its supporting people services
- Achieved Investors in People Gold Accreditation for performance management of our staff
- Achieved ISO 9001 for Quality Management systems, re-accredited again in September 2009 following re-inspection
- Achieved “managing for others” status with the Housing Corporation
- Achieved Investment Partner status with the Housing Corporation
- Implemented a programme of training for staff to achieve the Institute of Customer Service Awards
- Achieved the Customer Services Excellence Award in April 2009 and Special Recognition Award in October 2009
- Achieved the Equalities Framework Award April 2009