**Community Protection Notices**

## **What is a Community Protection Notice (CPN)?**

Community Protection Notice’s were introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime & Policing Act 2014 to deal with businesses, organisations or individuals over the age of 16 committing anti-social behaviour. It can be used to deal with most problems or nuisances negatively impacting on or affecting the community, by targeting those responsible.

## **When can a CPN be served?**

A CPN can be served where agencies can demonstrate the behaviour has:

* A detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality; and
* Be of a persistent or continuing nature, and
* Be unreasonable

**How does it work?**

Step 1

Where anti-social behaviour is identified a written warning (Community Protection Warning) will be issued to the alleged perpetrator outlining details of the behaviour giving cause for concern, with instructions on how to rectify the problem and highlighting the consequences if the behaviour continues. There is no right of appeal against this warning.

Step 2

If the behaviour continues despite the warning, a Community Protection Notice can be served including a requirement to stop doing something, to start doing something, and/or to take reasonable steps to avoid further anti-social behaviour. Any person may appeal this notice by application to the magistrates’ court within 21 days of service.

Step 3

Breaching a CPN is a criminal offence. The local authority may issue a Fixed Penalty Notice up to £100 (£85 if paid early) or £20,000 for businesses or has the option to prosecute through the court. The court can fine up to £2,500 if convicted.

**What is the CPN and warning used for?**

Warnings and CPN’s can be used for a variety of anti-social behaviours including but not restricted to, unkempt gardens, dog fouling, vehicle nuisance, littering and noise.

**Who can serve CPN’s**

A Community Protection Warning or Notice can be served by:

* Council Officers
* Police Officers
* Police Community Support Officers; and
* Social Landlords (with delegated authority)

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