

SASBU

# Sefton Anti-Social Behaviour Unit

# SASBU Overview

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3 x ASB officer

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1x shared administrator officer

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Population Approximately 275,396 approx. 600 referral per year 300 live cases per year, 25 new case per month, Sefton is statistically the safest place to live on Merseyside

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Work closely with: Police, OVH, Riverside, Jigsaw and other Social Landlords, Environmental services

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Private Landlords

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123,000 households

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In 2020 there were a total of 19,386 social housing dwellings within Sefton, owned by 34 providers. 56% of these properties are owned by One Vision Housing Limited and 12% by The Riverside Group Limited (none of the other providers owned over 5% of the stock)

- Legislation

## SASBU

### Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

- Persistent conduct that has caused, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to any person,
- Persistent conduct capable of causing nuisance or annoyance to a person in relation to that person's occupation of residential premises, or
- Persistent conduct capable of causing housing-related nuisance or annoyance to any person.
- Putting the Victim at the heart of the process (Victim Code)

- Powers within the Act

## SASBU

- civil injunctions
- criminal behaviour orders
- public spaces protection orders
- community protection notices
- dispersal powers
- closure powers
- fixed penalty notice
- out of court disposal

- Reporting ASB

## SASBU

➤ Online:

<https://www.sefton.gov.uk/advice-benefits/crime-and-emergencies/anti-social-behaviour/>

➤ Telephone: 0345 140 0845.

➤ Walk in Contact Centres

➤ E-mail [ASBEnquires@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:ASBEnquires@sefton.gov.uk)

➤ Via: local Councillor , Partner agencies

- ASB Process

# SASBU

- Referral via Sefton contact centre, Police, Cllrs, Partners
- Entered on to SASBU Oasis system
- Initial e-mail/tel contact with the victim with a ASB Reporting pack: ASB Log sheet, Access to the Noise App, Instruction for sending pictures & videos without evidence we cannot proceed **we need proof**
- Background checks on all involved, address check, police/partners checks, other intel and weekly partners meetings
- Initial “No Blame” letter to alleged offenders
- Collation of evidence for evidence case file
- If case is resolved then case closed as success, of cases, out of court disposal FPN, CPN warning, Full Community Protection Notice (Criminal) mediation etc
- Continued Investigation and evidence gathering (statements & Evidence)
- Consultation with Legal dept, litigation division
- Preparation of Prosecution file for legal consideration
- Court



- Outcomes

## SASBU

- 99% resolved without the need for Court (Out of court disposal)
- Community Protection Notices (over 16 years of age, presently) our go to tool, breach of a CPN is a Criminal Offence
- **Court Orders:**
  - Criminal Behaviour Orders
  - Closure Notice,
  - Civil Injunctions (including under 16 years old)
  - Breach of FPN (Non payment)
  - Gang Injunctions (Police led)
- Custody
- Fines up to £2000 for an individual, £20.000 for a business
- Criminal Behaviour Orders (Old ASBO)
- Positive Requirements & Orders to not act in a ASB manner
- Powers of Arrest attached to an order



- Sefton ASB Themes

## SASBU



- Smell of Cannabis 30% of cases, SASBU purchased Cannabis particle detectors to back up victim statements for Court, first LA in the UK to trailblaze this new approach
- Scrambler Bikes
- Neighbour disputes regarding boundaries, parking, neighbours not liking each other (Not ASB)
- Kids and Ball games (no enforcement, not ASB)
- Aggression, Threats, Noise
- Drugs and Alcohol
- Mental Health
- CCTV is not ASB, Information Commissioner



- Complaints,  
Questions &  
Contacts

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Before Any Questions, a word about  
complaints about ASB Officers?

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