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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Dear Resident(s)

**Re: Late night parties, noise nuisance, anti-social, rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour**

I am writing to you concerning an on-going and increasing problem of anti-social behaviour associated with house parties held within properties in the Lenton area.

In recent weeks Nottingham City Council's Community Protection Officers (CPOs), and officers from Nottinghamshire Police, have been required to attend a significant number of large scale house parties in the Lenton area. These primarily are student households, where unacceptable levels of noise and associated antisocial behaviour have been causing serious nuisance to local residents throughout the night.

Whether generated by a student or non-student household, antisocial behaviour of any type is unacceptable. Evidence from residents within the Lenton area confirms the corrosive impact that antisocial behaviour attached to large scale house parties has in terms of the quality of life of those living in the locality. There are many examples of the significant impact this is having on people's lives, including loss of sleep, impact on work, matrimonial breakdowns, mental health and children's education being harmed.

The City Council's Community Protection Service has a variety of powers available to tackle anti-social behaviour. Whilst we will obviously look to be proportionate in our response, it is apparent that the use of low level warnings after the event is having



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little impact in tackling the number of large scale parties being held or the behaviours associated with them.

Going forward Community Protection will look to use more robust powers available to it to tackle anti-social behaviour associated with inappropriate large scale parties held within residential areas.

Applications will be made to the County Court for Civil Injunctions against individual tenants or residents found to be causing harassment, alarm or distress, or nuisance and annoyance, to those in the locality of their properties. Breach of a Civil Injunction is a contempt of court for which a custodial sentence is available.

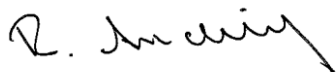
Furthermore, Community Protection will seek to apply to the Magistrates Court for a Closure Order in respect of any property where the use of that property has resulted in serious nuisance to members of the public. The Magistrates Court has the power to close a property for a period of up to 3 months, preventing access to all individuals including those who habitually live at that address. Breach of a Closure Order is a criminal offence which could result in a custodial sentence.

Anti-social behaviour within rented properties is also likely to amount to a breach of tenancy. Community Protection notify Landlords of rented property of anti-social behaviour taking place within their properties and may result in Landlords taking action to terminate that tenancy.

If you are thinking of organising a large scale house party in a residential area I would urge you to think again. The powers outlined above will be used to tackle any resultant anti-social behaviour and may carry serious personal consequences.

May I also take this opportunity to ask any residents who are suffering as a result of repeated noise nuisance to report the matter to the Police via 101 number or to the City Council on 0115 9152020 (during office hours).

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Antcliff', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Richard Antcliff  
**Chief Licensing, Trading Standards &  
Antisocial Behaviour Officer**