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Anti-Social Behaviour Order obtained

Whitefriars Housing Group today obtained an Anti-Social Behaviour Order against tenant Neil Robert Gallagher, aged 40, of The Barley Lea, Stoke Aldermoor. At the same hearing Mr Gallagher was required to vacate his Whitefriars tenancy immediately.

In May 40-year-old Mr Gallagher was served with an Injunction Order which gave police powers to arrest him should he harass, abuse, assault or threaten anyone living or visiting the area within 500 metres of his home.

Whitefriars took out the order following complaints from other tenants, and after threatening behaviour was used towards members of staff at the local housing office in The Barley Lea

Today Whitefriars agreed not to pursue his committal to prison for breaching the injunction in return for Mr Gallagher accepting an Anti-Social Behaviour Order and for surrendering his tenancy.

The two-year Anti-Social Behaviour Order excludes Mr Gallagher from the Stoke Aldermoor area and prevents him from causing, harassing, intimidating, threatening, or abusing any person within the local government area of Coventry.

It also inhibits him from damaging or attempting to damage any property belonging to Whitefriars.

Should he break the terms of these conditions Mr Gallagher will be fined and/or sent to prison for up to five years.

Whitefriars executive director, Roger Griffiths, said: "I'm pleased with the outcome of this case as it protects people living in and visiting Stoke Aldermoor.

"Today's ruling demonstrates Whitefriars' commitment to take a firm stand against anti-social behaviour."

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