

Media release

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Hackney Homes closes down drugs pub

A drug dealing pub on the Stoke Newington high street has been closed by Hackney Homes following evidence of drug dealing on the premises.

On Friday 10 October the Crackdown team working in partnership with the Stoke Newington Central Safer Neighbourhoods police team obtained a closure order for the Yucatan Public House on Stoke Newington High Street at Shoreditch Magistrates Court.

The order was obtained under the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003 which gives local authorities the power to close premises used for illegal drugs activity.

Neighbours had been complaining of anti-social behaviour and drug related activities from the pub. The closure order means that the pub will be shut for one month, following which another order will be sought.

Chair of Hackney Homes, Rupert Tyson said: "This closure should bring welcome respite to local residents who have been living in the shadow of this troublesome pub. It is a fine example of how by working in partnership with the police we can help make Hackney a safer place to live."

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Notes to Editors

- **Hackney Homes** is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is led by a board which includes residents, councillors and independent representatives and is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough. For further information visit www.hackneyhomes.org.uk