

Press release

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Hackney Homes secures legal first in closing down noisy nightclub

Hackney Homes has secured a legal first by successfully closing down the Passing Clouds nightclub on Kingsland Road after complaints by local residents.

The noisy nightclub was shut following joint work between Hackney Homes, local residents, local police, London Fire Brigade and Hackney Council.

On 30 October, the Judge at Clerkenwell County Court granted Hackney Homes an injunction under Section 222 of the Local Government Act by way of a court order, and another Section 222 injunction by way of an undertaking.

This is the first time in the United Kingdom that Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 which prohibits a person from continuing to cause a public nuisance has been used to close a nightclub venue.

Hackney Homes Chief Executive Steve Tucker said: "The closure of the Passing Clouds nightclub is an enormous relief to the residents of this area whose lives have been disrupted by the noise and nuisance which the club attracted." He adds "We will continue to work with all the statutory agencies to tackle anti-social behaviour and restore residents right to peaceful enjoyment of their own homes."

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