

APPENDIX 1

EXAMPLES OF SUCCESSFUL ORDERS UNDER POCA LEGISLATION

1. On 30 November 2018 a confiscation order was secured at Harrow Crown Court against for £1,483,440 whereby the subject was given 3 months to pay up for face a lengthy prison sentence. This order related to a planning enforcement breach and a property in Brent whereby a single dwelling house had been converted into 8 self contained dwellings. As the investigation progressed, further planning enforcement notice breaches were discovered in Harrow, which meant the money that had been made from all the planning breaches was included in the order for £1.4m
2. On 18 December 2020 a case was concluded on behalf of Harrow Council whereby a confiscation order was made for £373,413 Harrow Council had issued a planning enforcement notice against a property which had been converted into 7 self contained dwellings. The value of the order represented the rental income made from letting the seven dwellings over a period of time. The subject was ordered to pay the sum within three months or face a default prison sentence
4. On 4 January 2021 two confiscation orders were made for £54,983 and £15,000 against two men who were each sentenced to serve prison sentences following a lengthy and complex investigation that Brent Trading Standards conducted, which saw elderly victims being charged extortionate amount of money for roof repairs.
5. On 12 February 2021 another confiscation order was made for £739,263 which represented rental income made from more than one planning breach, whereby properties in Brent had been converted into houses in multiple occupation, thus being in breach of enforcement notices issued by the Council
6. Another case Brent did for Harrow Council resulted in an order being made on 18 June 2021 for £211,382. Yet another landlord converting a property to maximise income, ignoring an enforcement notice that Harrow Council had issued.
7. On 24 February 2023 Harrow Crown Court imposed a confiscation order for £152,500 and ordered payment within three months. This too related to a prosecution the Council had secured under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 and the confiscation order relating to income that was being made from 3 self contained dwellings which were in breach of planning enforcement notice