

Backgrounds facts

3. This matter was allocated to the Claimant's Legal Services department in August 2017, following many complaints received from some of the Claimant's employees and residents living in the same block as the Defendant. The Claimant's anti-social behaviour team instructed our legal services to issue an application for an injunction under the Anti- Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014.
4. An ex-parte application was made and the Court made an interim injunction order against the Defendant on 09th August 2017. The matter was re-listed for a return hearing on 21st August 2017 but adjourned to 25th September 2017 where the Defendant attended with his legal representative. The Defendant indicated that it wished to defend the claim and some directions order was made.
5. The parties were ordered to file their directions questionnaire by 23rd October 2017, however this deadline was overlooked by me and the Court made an order on 06th November 2017 asking the Claimant to file a completed directions questionnaire by 4pm on 17th November 2017. A copy of the Order can be found under exhibit LI1.
6. On 17th November 2017 at 11:59, I sent an email to the Court on the following address: enquiries@edmonton.countycourt.gsi.gov.uk, with a copy of the Claimant's directions questionnaire. The Defendant's solicitors were also copied in to this email. A copy of this email is attached in exhibit LI2.
7. Just before filing the directions questionnaire with the Court, I contacted the Defendant's solicitors on 16th November 2017, Mr Emmanuel Onwusiri of VLS Solicitors, with a suggested draft directions order. However he responded by saying that it was not necessary to agree directions in the proposed form. He was therefore fully aware of the fact that I was about to file the Claimant's directions questionnaire. A copy of my email correspondence to Mr Onwusiri can be found in exhibit LI3.