

## **For immediate release**

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### **ASB team helps disabled resident get justice**

A tenant who was being attacked in her own home is now safe thanks to Tower Hamlets Homes' Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) Team, the Council and the Police.

The ASB Team took action to re-house the disabled tenant and bring her two offenders to justice. The abuse came to Tower Hamlets Homes' attention when the tenant confided in her social worker, who immediately contacted the ASB Team.

Head of the ASB Service Claire Demmel said: "The tenant was being assaulted and threatened by two people staying in her home. As soon as the case was referred to us, we immediately moved her into safe temporary accommodation and worked with the Police and Tower Hamlets Legal Team to have a full injunction ruled against the offenders, which was granted on 9 December 2009."

The offenders, who had an extensive criminal record and a history of abusive and violent behaviour, are now barred from coming into contact with the tenant, as well as from entering the borough. Claire added: "They will also be immediately taken into custody if they breach the injunction."

Tower Hamlets Homes Chief Executive Gavin Cansfield said: "The ASB Team is an important service to residents. This case is a great example of their work, with the team supporting the tenant through the entire court process and helping secure her a new home – far away from her previous address."

Gavin added: "This action would not have been possible without the strong partnership work between the Tower Hamlets Homes ASB Team, the Council's Social Services section and the Police."

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#### **Notes to editor:**

1. Tower Hamlets Homes (THH) is an arm's-length management organisation (ALMO) managing approximately 22,000 tenants and leasehold properties on behalf of the Tower Hamlets council. [www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk](http://www.towerhamletshomes.org.uk)

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