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Thanks Daniel. Much appreciated.

Regards

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Dear All

With regards to issues with travellers I dealt with a large scale eviction around 18 months ago at my previous firm (Fraser Brown). The travellers had occupied the car park and frontage of a large industrial unit which was disused at

the time but under lease to one of my client's group companies. The client's main regional headquarters were directly across the road. I believe the site was in Essex.

The most memorable factor of the case was that the travellers children, some who apparently looked very young, were breaking into the unit and pulling out any metal they could find including electric cabling, some of which was live. They also smashed every window in the building and burning all kinds of waste in the car park. The Police took no action, even when the travellers became very aggressive and threatened the enforcement officers.

We did not go for an interim possession order because I spoke to the High Court who said they could get it listed quickly, the travellers left as soon as they were aware we were about to enforce the order but they waited until the last minute. They even had the cheek to ask the receptionist of our client across the road (they did not know the two buildings were linked) if they could camp on the car park overnight in return for £50.

Fees were around £7500 including a failed attempt to use enforcement officers to persuade the travellers to leave. We also spent a considerable amount on urgent personal service bearing in mind the timescales and the client employed additional security at its main site to mitigate any risks of damage, I do not know what the additional security costs were.

I am not sure of the exact figures for remedial work but a senior employee informed me that one of the options they were seriously considering was demolition and reconstruction because the damage was so bad. Counsel who we used to attend the hearing was telling us about a recent one she had done on part of the Ford Dagenham site where hundreds of thousands of tonnes of construction waste had been dumped by the occupiers so the client felt like they had got off lightly!

Hope that helps

Regards

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