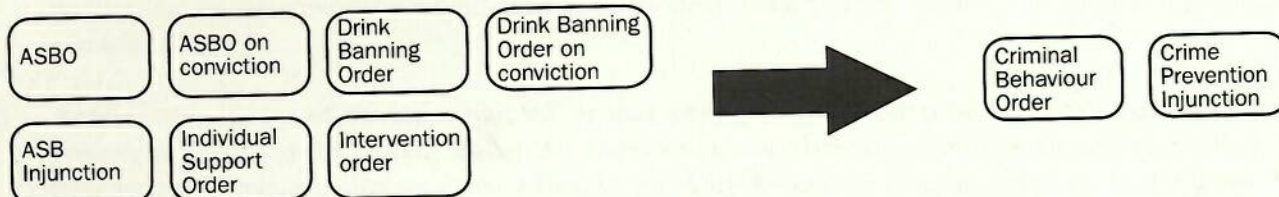
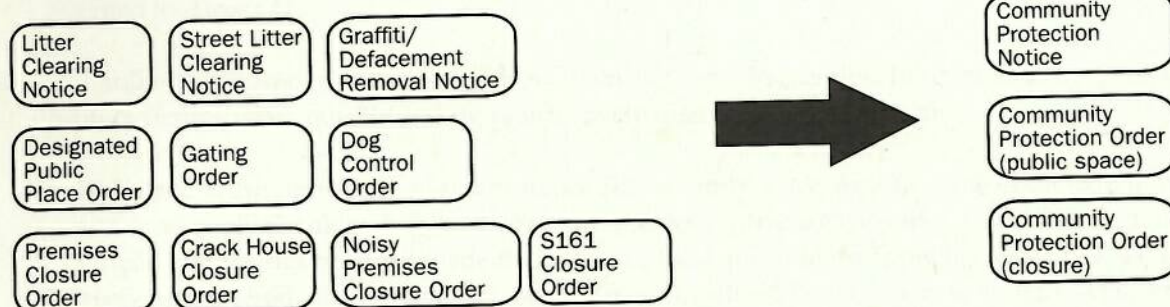


SIMPLIFICATION: FROM 19 TO 6

People



Places



Police powers



DEALING WITH ANTI-SOCIAL INDIVIDUALS – PROTECTING THEIR VICTIMS

- 3.8 Much of what is described as ASB is criminal (e.g. vandalism, graffiti, dangerous dogs, street drug dealing and people being drunk and disorderly), but civil powers to deal with anti-social individuals can also be useful as they give the police an alternative to criminal charges in cases where it is difficult to prove that an offence had been committed or where victims are afraid to give evidence. If used effectively, they can also help to stop the kind of sustained harassment directed at vulnerable victims seen in some high-profile cases.
- 3.9 We consulted on proposals to create a **purely civil order** (i.e. with sanctions under the civil, rather than criminal law) that agencies can secure quickly, in a matter of days or even hours, to stop an individual's anti-social behaviour and protect victims. Following consultation, we propose introducing the **Crime Prevention Injunction**, which would be a purely civil injunction available in the County Court for adults and the Youth Court for 10 to 17 year olds. This would be faster to use than the Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) and could be used at an earlier stage and secured using the civil burden of proof (i.e. on the balance of probabilities rather than beyond reasonable doubt). Breach would be contempt of court and carry serious penalties, including custody.
- 3.10 Our injunction will build on the success of the ASB Injunction, which social landlords use effectively to stop problems and protect victims, and which is faster and easier to use than the ASBO. We will