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A private landlord has been ordered to pay £850 after failing to carry out significant repair work to a house in Peterborough.

Peterborough Magistrates' Court heard how Zaibun Nisar, of Ventnor Road, Birmingham, failed to adhere to two improvement notices requiring extensive remedial works to be carried out to a house in Clarence Road.

The court heard that Peterborough City Council's housing enforcement team was first alerted to the semi-detached property in June 2015 following a complaint regarding poor living conditions.

Housing Enforcement Officer Peter Bezant inspected the property to find extensive disrepair including an insecure and ineffective handrail to the main staircase, an insecure and highly dangerous front entrance door, disrepair to the rear entrance door and various windows, and rain entering the upstairs bedrooms due to a leaking roof.

Nisar failed to respond to a series of informal actions to bring the house up the required standard and then neglected to comply with the improvement notices. This forced the city council to carry out the repairs in her default, at a total cost of £9,884.36 which will also be repaid by Nisar.

Peter Bezant, Housing Enforcement Officer at Peterborough City Council, said: "This case serves to reinforce the council's stance of zero tolerance towards any landlord or letting agent who flouts the law. We will not hesitate to take prosecution proceedings against those who do not fulfil their repairing obligations and comply with statutory notices and we are pleased that the courts are taking these matters seriously.

"It continues to be the minority of landlords who fail to comply with their statutory obligations but we owe it to the good landlords and agents to seek out those who do not comply."

Nisar appeared at Peterborough Magistrates' Court on October 26 2016 and was found guilty and fined a total of £500 for the offences and costs of £350, amounting to a total of £850.

The housing enforcement team continue to work with landlords and letting agents to ensure that their properties meet current standards and to further educate those who may need guidance on best practice in property management.

Further information regarding housing standards can be found on the council's website, alternatively the team can be contacted on 01733 747474.