

Safer Cleaner Greener Strategy - Enforcement Activities

Update on the Safer Cleaner Greener Strategy Enforcement Activities for the period 01/04/11 – 30/09/11 (6 months).

Activity recorded by Environment & Neighbourhood Officers (ENO)	01/04/11 to 30/09/11
Fly-tipping incidents	
Incidents reported to the Council (codes 01FP & 01SC)	630
Incidents investigated (01FP with code EF01)	382
Warning/Enforcement letter sent (01FP with code EF03)	62
Statutory notice (01FP with code EF02)	6
Prosecution (01FP with code EF05)	4
Waste enforcement work not related to a specific fly tip (code ENFO)	
Investigation (EF01)	181
Warning/Enforcement letter (EF03)	77
Statutory notice (EF02)	6
Fixed Penalty notice (EF09)	2
Stop and Search (EF08)	6
Prosecution (EF05)	1
General enforcement work dealt with by ENO (Selected top 5 codes, not including fly-tipping detailed above).	
Total enquiries/complaints dealt with by ENO team	945
1. Noise	794
1.1 Out of hours noise included in above total	320
2. Bonfires (domestic and commercial)	103
3. Street Trading	39
4. Refuse nuisance	19
5. Licensing consultation	15

Fly-tipping incidents

All incidents of fly-tipping reported to the Council are recorded (630). Incidents that may have some evidence to trace the source of the waste or fly-tipper are passed to the Environment and Neighbourhoods Team (ENO) to investigate. The incidents passed to the ENO team are then prioritised and investigated if possible (382) prior to clearance.

Most incidents were on the highway (317) including verges that form part of the highway. The second largest land type was on Council land (237), predominantly Housing land, often due to householders poor waste management rather than fly-tipping by somebody unrelated to the area. These two land types accounted for 88% of the reported incidents.

4 prosecutions for fly-tipping incidents were concluded in this period and 1 for related waste enforcement work.

2 August 2011 – Fly-tip Miller Lane, Chigwell £400 fine, £600 costs

2 August 2011 – Fly tip London Road, Stapleford Tawney – 12 month conditional discharge & £449 costs

2 August 2011 Failure to return information requested under Section 108 of the Environment Act 1995 - fine of £100 & £245 costs.

5 July 2011 – Fly-tip Pyrles Lane, Loughton, £145 fine £400 costs (including £128.68 towards the Council's clean up costs

21 June 2011 – Household duty of care – Hillyfields, Loughton £50 fine and £195 costs

Fixed penalty notices (FPN)

22 fixed penalty notices were offered for littering offences resulting in an income of £1050 and 4 (£240 income) in relation to breaches of s.46/47 Environmental Protection 1990 notices requiring the correct waste receptacles to be used.

4 Pre-arranged operations to target littering offenders have been carried out in High Street, Ongar, Queens Road, Buckhurst Hill, Nazeingbury Parade and Larsens Recreation Ground, Honey Lane, Waltham Abbey.

Press

Fly-tipping prosecution reached national press (Mr F Piquione) and littering operation in Ongar received 2 pages of favourable press in a local paper.

Litter article in Forester published.