

Councils crackdown on fly-tipping

- **The latest government data reveals that councils in England handed out over 56,000 fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping in 2016/17**
- **Enfield tops list of destinations with the most fly-tipping incidents**
- **Ealing council handed out the most fixed penalty notices for fly tipping in 2016/17**

Fly-tipping in the UK is at an all time high, but how do Brits think their local area fares against others and how many are aware of the punishments local authorities can impose on them for fly-tipping?

Across the UK, fly-tipping had previously shown a decline from 2007/08 until 2013/14 [1]. Since then, the total number of fly-tipping incidents has increased year on year, with 1 million incidents reported or dealt with by local authorities in 2016/17 [1].

In May 2016 local authorities in England were given new legislative power to issue out fixed penalty notices for small scale fly-tipping offences. In 2016/17 local authorities across England issued over 56,000 fixed penalty notices alongside 47,000 warning letters, 22,000 statutory notices and 1,571 prosecutions for fly-tipping offences [1].

Delving further into the issue of fly-tipping across England, online furniture retailer, [Furniture Choice](#) analysed the latest government data [2] surrounding the issue and can reveal the the ten locations in England with the highest number of fly-tipping incidents in 2016/2017:

1. Enfield - 75,614
2. Haringley - 33,333
3. Manchester - 28,508
4. Croydon - 24,797
5. Hounslow - 22,973
6. Liverpool - 20,832
7. Newham - 19,917
8. Northampton - 18,128
9. Brent - 17,340
10. Southwark - 17, 131

The data analysis also revealed the top ten local authorities handing out the most fixed penalty notices in 2016/2017^[2]:

1. Ealing - 8,398
2. Waltham Forest - 7,394
3. Merton - 5,352
4. Islington - 4,992
5. Westminster - 3,240
6. Hillingdon - 3,031
7. Newham - 2,244
8. Wandsworth - 1,969
9. Manchester - 1,416
10. Tower Hamlets - 1,302

The local authority which handed out the highest value of fly-tipping fines in 2016/17 fixed was Birmingham (£65,637), whilst Enfield Council spent the most on clearance costs for fly-tipping incidents, spending a total of £3,037,229 in 2016/17 alone^[2].

To help councils reduce fly-tipping, Furniture Choice has created an [online tool](#) populated with more than 800 furniture recycling and donation centres across the UK, which helps people identify their nearest location in which to take their unwanted furniture and white goods.

Furniture Choice also spoke to the British public to find out how they think councils are faring with the issue of fly tipping. The results revealed that Brits think councils should provide easier alternatives to fly-tipping (39%) and increase the awareness of fly-tipping laws (38%).

One in eight (13%) of those polled also admitted to illegally dumping their unwanted waste and more than a quarter (28%) of those who fly-tip don't realise they are actually breaking the law.

Tom Obbard, Director at Furniture Choice, said: "Fly-tipping causes a devastating impact on the environment and is expensive to clear, so it is a major concern that incidents are increasing in England.

"It is great to see that some councils are exercising their new legislative powers and issuing fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping, as hopefully it will deter people from committing the offence. However, more needs to be done on encouraging people to use recycling and donation sites instead of illegally discarding their waste."

For more information on the Furniture Choice recycling tool visit:

<http://www.furniturechoice.co.uk/recycling-tool/>

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Figures taken from an independent survey of a total sample size of 1,019 UK residents.

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Sources:

[1]https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/652958/Flytipping_201617_statistical_release_FINAL.pdf

[2]<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/env24-fly-tipping-incidents-and-actions-taken-in-england>

Local authorities making the most money from fines issued for fly-tipping incidents:

1. Birmingham - £65,637
2. Hillingdon - £63,150
3. South Bucks - £35,182
4. Manchester - £34,259
5. Southwark - £31,244
6. Hackney - £30,660
7. Waltham Forest - £26,995
8. Newcastle upon Tyne - £26,982
9. City of London - £20,000
10. Redbridge - £15,602

Local authorities spending the most on clearance costs for fly-tipping incidents:

1. Enfield - £3,037,229
2. Manchester - £2,812,890
3. Croydon - £1,911,094
4. Southwark - £1,723,403
5. Haringey - £1,444,089
6. Newham - £1,361,916
7. Leeds - £1,354,522
8. Liverpool - £972,686
9. Birmingham - £931,441
10. Northampton - £885,562

About Furniture Choice

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