

**COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING – 10 FEBRUARY 2022**

**Question to Cllr David Williams  
Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport**

**By Cllr Oates**

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In a recent environment survey at [www.TamworthConservatives.com/survey](http://www.TamworthConservatives.com/survey) the number one concern of residents is litter and fly tipping, following a number of recent incidents near to and in Tamworth. Could the relevant portfolio holder inform the council as to what is being done to stop criminals fly tipping on our highways especially when highways are physically blocked by this activity?

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**Reply**

Dealing with the abhorrent behaviour of fly-tipping requires partnership working between local authorities so as not just to move the problem from one location to another.

Across Staffordshire all the local Waste Collection Authorities monitor flying-tipping incidents and if appropriate this information can be requested and discussed at the Joint Waste Management Board (JWMB).

The Waste Collection Authorities are primarily responsible for the prevention, removal, and where possible prosecution for fly-tipping in all public areas within their respective Borough or District, including the public highway.

To help achieve this many borough and district councils already have active programmes that aim to educate residents about the right thing to do with their rubbish and to reduce the amount of household waste that is fly tipped by criminals who offer to take people's waste away for money and then dump it.

These campaigns aim to get the message across that if an individual's waste is fly tipped, even if they paid a third party to dispose of it, they can be prosecuted and end up with a fine and a criminal record.

Some borough and district councils also offer financial reward to anyone who provides evidence that leads to successful enforcement action against a person, business or organisation involved in fly-tipping.

The County Council, as waste disposal authority, would of course receive any such collected waste from the borough council and arrange for its disposal but this does come at a cost to the Council and therefore the Staffordshire taxpayer.

If fly-tipping is repeatedly obstructing or affecting the safe use of a particular section of public highway the Borough Council will need to work together with the County Council's highways team to explore appropriate additional local deterrent measures.