



## ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 14 July 2026

### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA

#### **PART 1**

##### **3. FLY-TIPPING REVIEW - OFFICER PRESENTATION**

Members are invited to consider an officer presentation regarding fly-tipping as an introduction to the review and touching on the issues that Members raised in the draft scoping document that the Committee agreed at its meeting on 16 June 2026.

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# Fly Tipping Review



Environment & Economy Select Committee – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2026

# Officers Supporting the Review

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## **Environmental Crime – Policy, Strategy & Enforcement**

Kerry Clifford – Director of Housing & Neighbourhoods

Sarah Pateman – Head of Community Advice & Support

Amanda Rodgers – Resident Services Manager

Jessica Warren – Anti Social Behaviour Team Leader

## **Fly Tipping Removals & Education**

Steve Dupoy – Director of Environment & Leisure

Kris White – Head of Environmental Operations

Claire Murrell - Environmental Policy, Strategy and Projects Officer

# Agenda

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1. Background and current position
2. Performance data and hotspot analysis
3. Investigation and enforcement approach
4. Partnership working and prevention
5. Action Plan and recommendations
6. Next steps

# Background

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- Fly tipping is a criminal offence under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.
- It impacts residents, neighbourhoods, biodiversity, public confidence and Council finances.
- Stevenage receives around 2,800 reports annually, requiring a coordinated multi-agency response.
- Our approach focuses on prevention, education, intelligence, enforcement and rapid clearance.

# Fly Tipping – Definition

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**The unauthorised deposit of controlled waste without a permit or lawful authority.**

- Stevenage's position: adopt a zero-tolerance, intelligence-led approach balancing education with proportionate enforcement.



# Fly Tipping Data

Total reported fly tips per month in Stevenage

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|           | 2015-16     | 2016-17     | 2017-18     | 2018-19     | 2019-20     | 2020-21     | 2021-22     | 2022-23     | 2023-24     | 2024-25     | 2025-26     |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| April     | 194         | 386         | 334         | 185         | 167         | 89          | 239         | 182         | 208         | 255         | 257         |
| May       | 277         | 353         | 314         | 132         | 157         | 229         | 249         | 159         | 165         | 278         | 234         |
| June      | 280         | 413         | 267         | 123         | 116         | 210         | 281         | 227         | 160         | 241         | 292         |
| July      | 319         | 389         | 233         | 117         | 154         | 388         | 264         | 259         | 157         | 244         | 329         |
| August    | 320         | 441         | 206         | 214         | 143         | 341         | 278         | 313         | 180         | 278         | 231         |
| September | 282         | 385         | 169         | 209         | 164         | 327         | 172         | 251         | 181         | 250         | 250         |
| October   | 251         | 337         | 147         | 150         | 173         | 268         | 205         | 281         | 183         | 298         | 278         |
| November  | 245         | 355         | 147         | 184         | 139         | 215         | 351         | 271         | 172         | 219         | 123         |
| December  | 266         | 293         | 126         | 190         | 157         | 200         | 302         | 250         | 145         | 215         | 183         |
| January   | 191         | 288         | 225         | 190         | 141         | 266         | 328         | 247         | 220         | 250         | 240         |
| February  | 125         | 303         | 166         | 168         | 145         | 269         | 253         | 256         | 192         | 249         | 125         |
| March     | 176         | 348         | 161         | 200         | 138         | 354         | 301         | 203         | 188         | 281         | 239         |
|           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |
|           | <b>2926</b> | <b>4291</b> | <b>2495</b> | <b>2062</b> | <b>1794</b> | <b>3156</b> | <b>3223</b> | <b>2899</b> | <b>2151</b> | <b>3058</b> | <b>2781</b> |
|           |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |             |

Annual fly tipping total figures from 2015-2025, which shows on **average** over the past decade we clear a yearly total of **2,803** fly tips from Stevenage



# Fly Tipping Data 2025-26

## Breakdown of fly tipping incidents 2025-26

| Location | Total incidents 2025-26                        | 2781 |
|----------|------------------------------------------------|------|
|          | Council Land (including bring banks and flats) | 2319 |
|          | Footpath/bridleway                             | 368  |
|          | Private/residential                            | 45   |
|          | Back Alleyways                                 | 41   |
|          | Highways                                       | 6    |
|          | Watercourse/bank                               | 2    |

| Waste type | Total incidents 2025-26 | 2781 |
|------------|-------------------------|------|
|            | Household waste         | 1228 |
|            | 'Other' waste           | 776  |
|            | Household black bags    | 320  |
|            | Electrical              | 216  |
|            | Construction waste      | 114  |
|            | White Goods             | 49   |
|            | Green Waste             | 29   |
|            | Other commercial waste  | 20   |
|            | Vehicle Parts           | 17   |
|            | Commercial black bags   | 9    |
|            | Tyres                   | 2    |
|            | Oil drums               | 1    |

# Fly Tipping Data

- Table 1 below details reported instances of fly tipping in Hertfordshire in 2024/25, as reported to Defra by local authorities, via WasteDataFlow. The annual statistics for 2024/25 were published in March 2026.

| Authority       | Total incidents | Incidents per 1000 people | Most common land type | Second most common land type | Incidents with volume equivalent to 'car boot or less' | Incidents with volume equivalent to 'tipper lorry load' |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| Broxbourne      | 1,424           | 14.0                      | Highway               | Private/residential          | 523                                                    | 8                                                       |
| Dacorum         | 1,899           | 11.8                      | Council land          | Highway                      | 441                                                    | 70                                                      |
| East Herts      | 761             | 4.9                       | Council land          | Highway                      | 236                                                    | 53                                                      |
| Hertsmere       | 1,094           | 9.9                       | Highway               | Council land                 | 192                                                    | 10                                                      |
| North Herts     | 1,387           | 10.1                      | Council land          | Highway                      | 281                                                    | 89                                                      |
| St Albans       | 919             | 6.1                       | Highway               | Footpath/bridleway           | 222                                                    | 7                                                       |
| Stevenage       | 3,058           | 33.3                      | Council land          | Footpath/bridleway           | 969                                                    | 107                                                     |
| Three Rivers    | 455             | 4.7                       | Highway               | Council land                 | 99                                                     | 25                                                      |
| Watford         | 1,346           | 12.6                      | Highway               | Private/residential          | 203                                                    | 0                                                       |
| Welwyn Hatfield | 3,028           | 24.7                      | Council land          | Other/unidentified           | 648                                                    | 160                                                     |
| Totals          | 15,371          |                           |                       |                              | 3,814                                                  | 529                                                     |

# Enforcement Data 2025/26

| Enforcement Outcome                                              | Number of Cases |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Fly-tip removed by identified perpetrator following intervention | 129             |
| Cases resolved through Tenancy Enforcement                       | 2               |
| Fixed Penalty Notices Served                                     | 13              |
| Fixed Penalty Notices Paid                                       | 11              |
| Unpaid Fixed Penalty Notices referred for legal action           | 2               |

# Locations

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- **Council land:** investigate, secure evidence, remove waste and pursue enforcement.
- **Private land:** advise landowners and enforce where legislation permits. Liaise with landowner to report to Police as Criminal Offence. If perpetrator is identified they will be prosecuted and can receive an unlimited fine and/or up to 5 years imprisonment.
- **Housing Estates:** joint working between Housing, ASB Team, Community Safety and Environmental Services, including tenancy enforcement where appropriate.

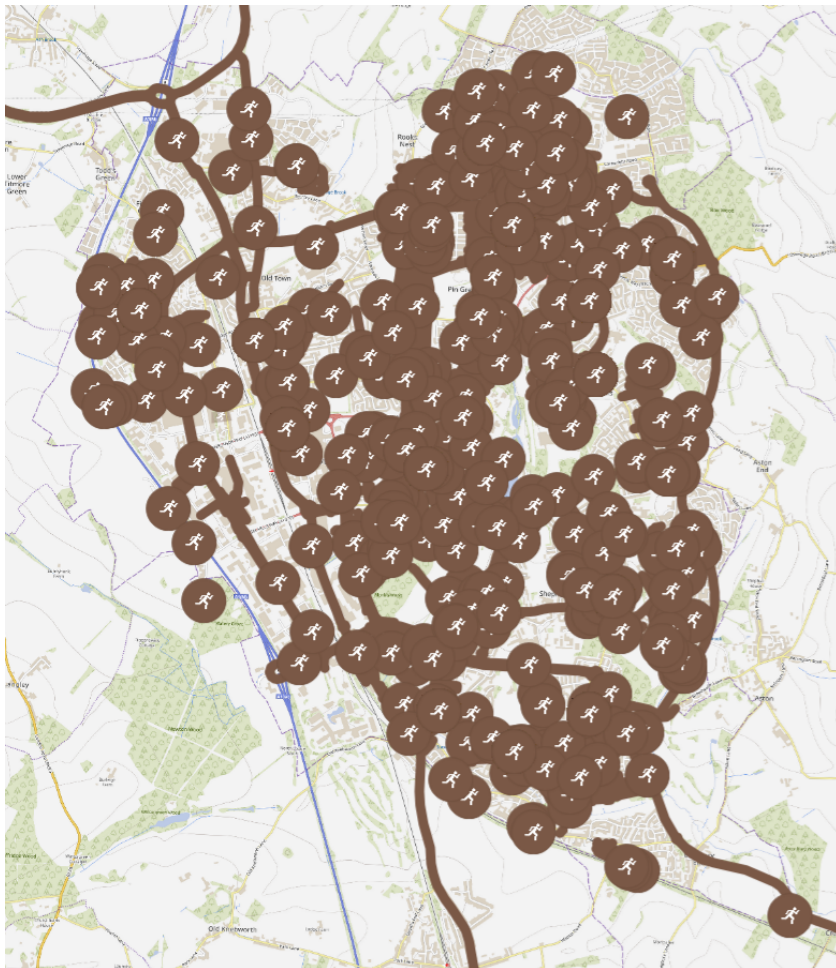
# Fly Tipping Data – Hot Spots

|                             |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| CANTERBURY WAY              | 28 |
| EXETER CLOSE                | 16 |
| BROADWATER CRESCENT         | 14 |
| ARCHER ROAD                 | 13 |
| VARDON ROAD                 | 12 |
| PIN GREEN INDUSTRIAL ESTATE | 11 |
| LONSDALE ROAD               | 10 |
| RIPON ROAD                  | 10 |
| SPRING DRIVE                | 10 |
| VALLEY WAY                  | 10 |
| YORK ROAD                   | 10 |

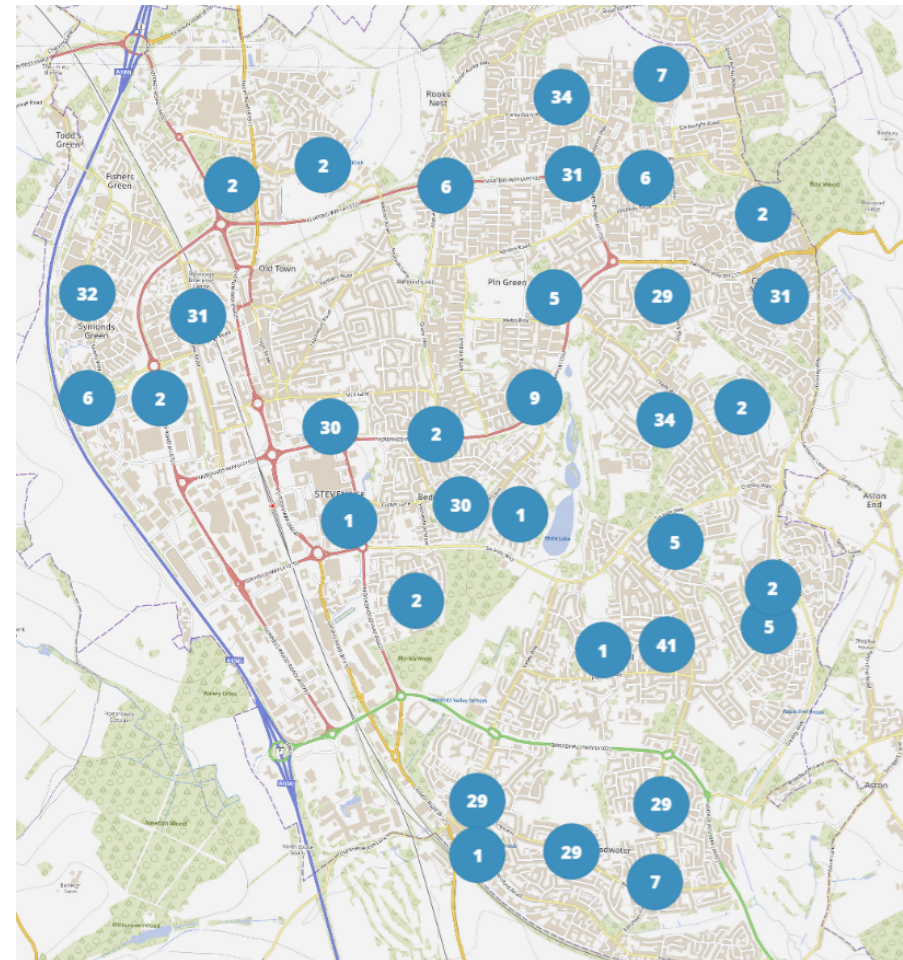
- This table shows hot spots for fly tipping since our new digital system was introduced in September 2025
- Our 'bring banks' are also a main source of fly tipping but aren't included on this table



# Fly Tipping Data – Hot Spots



This map plots every reactive fly tip we have had since Alloy went live in September (3,797). This shows fly tipping occurs throughout the town. It does not clearly show when they are one offs or multiple in the same location, however.



This map shows fly tipping in May/June, and groups reports that are close together.

# Reporting Process / Clearance

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- Online reporting and partner referrals
- Risk assess and preserve evidence
- Investigate where evidence exists
- Clear within service standards
- Share intelligence and monitor repeat locations



# Investigation Process (1 of 3)

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- Report received online via online reporting system. If any of the questions relating to evidence are ticked 'yes' this is sent through to the ASB inbox.
- The case is allocated to the local ASB Officer to review. They will visit and attempt to obtain any evidence from the Fly tip, CCTV, Witness Statements etc.
- If items are outside a property, Officers will conduct door knocks to try and determine where the waste originates. If located, Officers will give the perpetrator a few days to get the area cleared before it is sent for clearance, and they receive an FPN.

# Investigation Process (2 of 3)

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- Where evidence is available but not within the locality of the address, the ASB Officer will invite the perpetrator in for an interview. The perpetrator will then be interviewed under caution by an Accredited Officer. The Officer will then decide if the evidential test has been met and serve an FPN of £400, reduced to £300 if paid with 14 days.
- If the Fly Tip is large scale, Police will be informed and it will be recorded as a crime where the ASB Officer will work alongside Police to identify the perpetrators.

# Investigation Process (3 of 3)

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- If an FPN is not paid after 28 days, the case is referred to legal for prosecution. If found guilty at court perpetrators can receive an unlimited fine, a lesser fine or a prison sentence of up to 5 years.
- We also use tenancy enforcement actions where SBC tenants are involved.
- ASB Officers can also issue fines for litter for £70, reduced to £50 if paid within 14 days.

# Enforcement Powers / Toolkit

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- FPNs of £400 – reduced to £300 if paid within 14 days
- CPN / Ws for repeat offenders of Fly Tipping
- NOSPs against SBC tenants who Fly Tip
- Recharges to the resident of flat block responsible for Fly Tipping within a flat block rather than block wide recharge.

# Enforcement History

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- **Period – 2025 / 2026**
- Number of investigations – 193
- Outcomes:
- In 129 cases the perpetrator removed the Flytipping themselves.
- 2 Cases were dealt with via their tenancy.
- 13 FPNs issued – 11 Paid and have been referred to legal.
- 49 cases that were sent to the ASB team where a perpetrator could not be identified.

# Engagement & Behavioural Change

**LET'S S.C.R.A.P. FLY TIPPING!**

We ALL have a DUTY OF CARE, to ensure our household or business waste is disposed of legally and not fly tipped. Avoid an UNLIMITED FINE by following the S.C.R.A.P. code:

- S**uspect ALL waste carriers
- C**heck with the Environment Agency on 03708 506 506 that the provider taking your waste away is licensed
- R**efuse unexpected offers to have waste taken away
- A**sk what will happen to your waste
- P**aperwork should be obtained – get a full receipt



**Around two thirds of fly tips are household waste. These are all examples of fly tipping which YOU could be fined or prosecuted for.**

For more information on preventing fly tipping or to report fly tipping  
[hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping](http://hertfordshire.gov.uk/flytipping)

For information about the Household Waste Recycling Centres  
[wasteaware.org.uk](http://wasteaware.org.uk)



Herts Waste Partnership

- Herts Fly Tipping Group
- Waste Aware
- Let's SCRAP Fly tipping campaign

**FLY TIPPING IS THE ILLEGAL DUMPING OF ITEMS**



IT CAN BE AS SMALL AS A SINGLE BAG, TO...

AN ENTIRE TRUCK LOAD OF RUBBISH

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# Engagement & Behavioural Change

Raising Awareness with the public

- Stevenage Day
- Cavendish Road Depot Open Day
- School assemblies
- 'Scrap Fly Tipping' banners on waste and recycling vehicles
- Community litter picks



# Engagement & Behavioural Change



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⚠️ Make sure you aren't fly tipping by following S.C.R.A.P:

- ! Suspect all waste carriers. Don't let them take your rubbish until they provide proof of registration. Note their vehicle's registration plate.
- 😬 Check that a waste carrier is registered with the Environment Agency.
- 🚫 Refuse any unexpected offers to have your rubbish taken away.
- 💬 Ask how your rubbish will be disposed of - seek evidence of this.
- 📄 Paperwork must be obtained: a proper invoice, waste transfer note or receipt, including a description of the waste being removed and the waste carrier's contact details.

Spotted a fly-tip? Report it to us online here: <http://www.stevenage.gov.uk/.../street-care.../fly-tipping> See less

## Social Media

- The last two posts on social media have had very little interaction
- Future posts could include photographs of fly tips in Stevenage and promoting enforcement stats when we have had more success with prosecutions

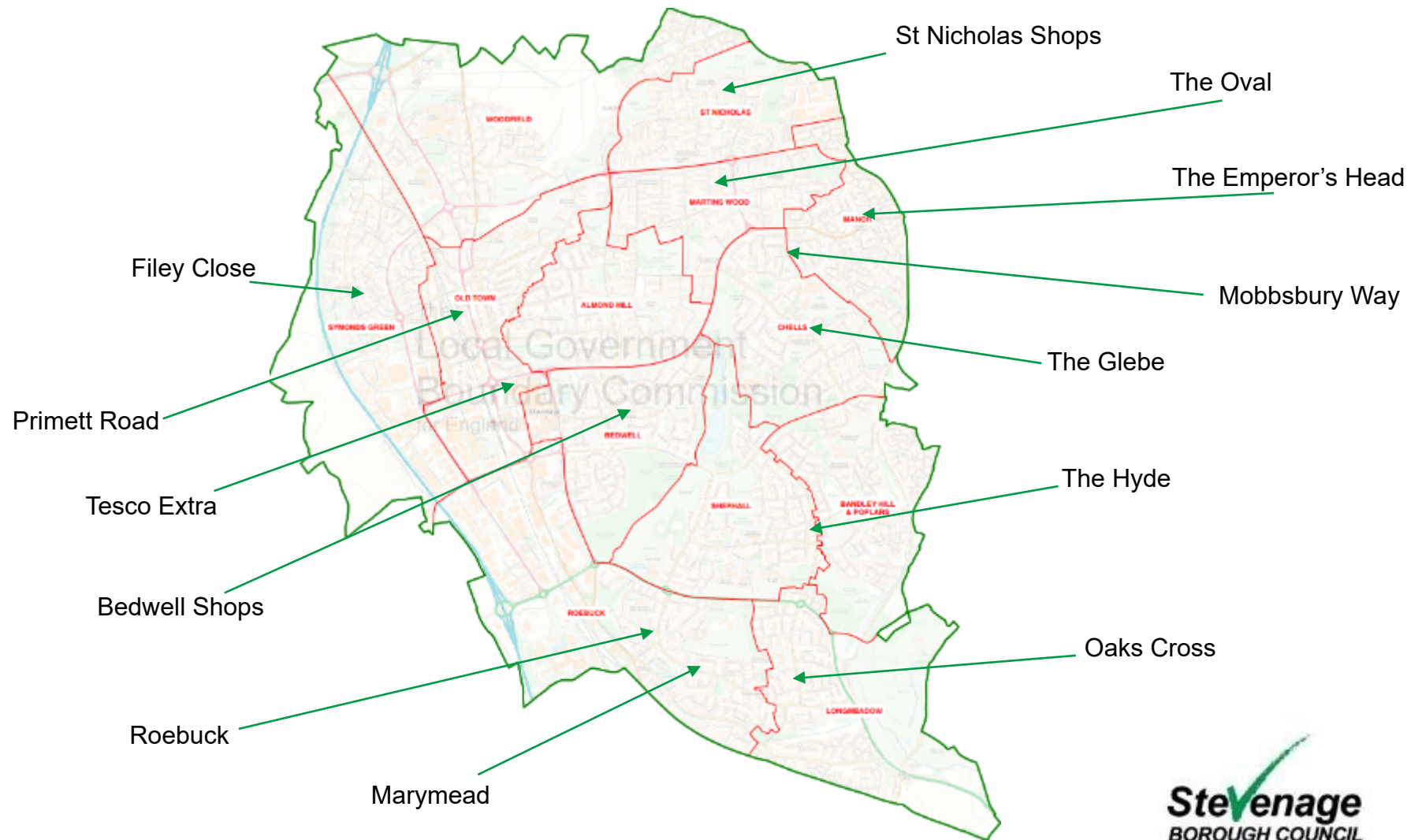
Leaving **YOUR**  
rubbish around  
litter bins **IS**  
fly tipping



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# 'Bring Bank' Map



# Bring Banks

- Currently 13 Recycling 'Bring Bank' sites across the town.
- Intended for residents with excess recycling and flats without recycling.
- Serviced at least 3 times a week.
- Daily reports of misuse and fly tipping.
- Cleansing team (shops crew) clear fly tipping several days a week.
- Fly tipping at bring banks accounted for 35% of all incidents cleared in 2025/26.





# Bring Banks

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# Bring Banks





# Review of Bring Bank Sites

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- With 'Simpler Recycling' now in place, all properties now have waste and recycling facilities.
- Review the current scope and location of Bring Banks sites.
- Would less sites with improved facilities support residents and reduce fly tipping?
- What have other LAs in Hertfordshire done?



# Bring Bank Improvements

- Improvements completed across eight sites in June 2025.
- Removal of old frames no longer fit for purpose.
- Installation of new frames, bins, stickers and signage.
- Bins with targeted apertures introduced, to help reduce contamination.
- Unfortunately, problems with fly tipping remain.



# Bulky Waste Service

| Number of Items | Full Price | Concession Price          |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------------|
| 1 - 3 items     | £51.00     | £51.00<br>(no concession) |
| 4 items         | £65.00     | £48.75                    |
| 5 items         | £79.00     | £59.25                    |
| 6 items         | £93.00     | £69.75                    |
| 7 items         | £107.00    | £80.25                    |
| 8 items         | £121.00    | £90.75                    |
| 9 items         | £135.00    | £101.25                   |
| 10 items        | £149.00    | £111.75                   |
| Cancellation    | £12.00     | £12.00<br>(no concession) |

**We collect:** cookers, carpets, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners, mattresses, tables, settees, free standing wardrobes, washing machines, beds, bicycles, fridges and freezers.

**2025/2026**

Customers: 1,222    Items Collected: 4,952

|                  | Broxborne  | Dacorum    | East Herts    | Hertsmere  | North Herts   | Three Rivers  | Watford       | Wel&Hat       | Stevenage  |
|------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| <b>1-3 Items</b> | <b>£55</b> | <b>£57</b> | <b>£61.20</b> | <b>£50</b> | <b>£60.88</b> | <b>£64.00</b> | <b>£57.00</b> | <b>£52.00</b> | <b>£51</b> |

# What we are Doing

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Fly-Tipping Task Force



Fly-Tipping Action Plan



Training



The SoSafe Partnership Board will have oversight and provide challenge & support to ensure that objectives are being delivered



# Immediate Tasks

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Review Environmental Crime Enforcement Policy



Map reporting and resourcing across the Council



Comms Plan to encourage reporting and engage with community, particularly in hot spot areas

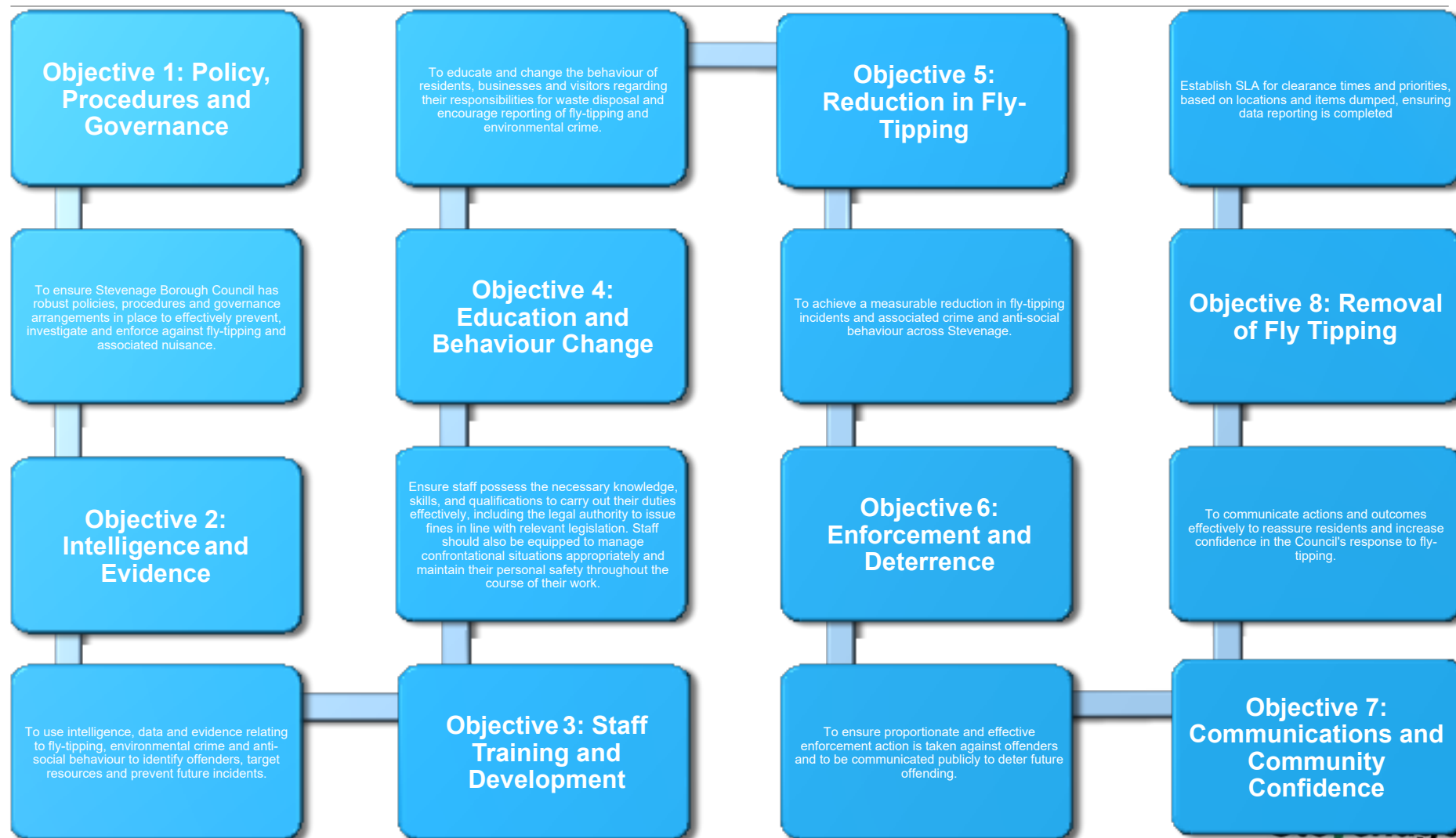


Create dashboard of data



Review CCTV across estates and target hotspots to gain intel for successful enforcement and prevention

# Action Plan Priorities



# Summary & Next Steps

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- Continue delivering the Fly-Tipping Action Plan.
- Strengthen partnership working and intelligence.
- Increase visible enforcement and public confidence.
- Monitor performance through data and hotspot analysis.
- Report progress back to Members.