



# Clean Green Croydon

## Cabinet Member Bulletin

### Councillor Stuart Collins

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#### Investing in a Cleaner, Greener Croydon

##### Operation Kestrel

A multi-agency clampdown against fly-tippers and their vehicles (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November) led to Croydon Council seizing its 31<sup>st</sup> van suspected of being used to illegally dump rubbish.

More than 30 officers from Croydon Council patrolled locations across the borough with counterparts from the Metropolitan Police, HM Revenue and Customs and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency (DVSA). The operation ranged from fly-tip patrols in the north of the borough to vehicle spot checks in Purley Way.

Meanwhile, council environmental enforcement officers, police officers and DVSA staff pulled over 40 vans and lorries on Purley Way in Waddon to check drivers had full licences and insurance, were not carrying fly-tipped waste, and that their vehicle was roadworthy. One delivery driver's vehicle was seized after DVSA officers found it had faulty brakes.

Part of the operation involved checks on 40 businesses along Thornton Heath High Street to make sure they had the correct licence to dispose of business waste properly. Two of the businesses were told to upgrade the type of licence they held, and the rest had the correct licence.

The operation also led to six people being issued with £80 fixed penalty notices for fly-tipping, 11 parking tickets and leaflets being handed to local businesses and residents about time-banded waste collection.

The joint operation is the sixth such event in 2017 as part of the council's 'Don't Mess With Croydon – Take Pride' campaign, which combines enforcement with encouraging over 300 local volunteers to lead community clear-ups.

Councillor Collins, Croydon Council's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Clean and Green Croydon, said: "This kind of operation is a good way for the council and our partners to clamp down on vehicles being driven illegally and to tackle fly-tippers who flout these kind of rules.

"I'm pleased our dedicated council officers have impounded their 31<sup>st</sup> van used for fly-tipping, as that makes it harder for criminals to blight our Croydon residents' local environment."



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To report a fly-tip in Croydon, call the council via 020 8726 6200 or email [flytip@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:flytip@croydon.gov.uk)

### **Reduction in Fly-tipping numbers**

The number of confirmed Flytip reports continues to drop with a 20% reduction compared to the published figures last year.

In addition we are now clearing 87% of fly tipping within 48 hours and are working with our contractor, Veolia to ensure they proactively report and collect fly-tips as soon as they are seen by street sweepers.

Since I last reported on the activities of the Flytip Task Force [FTTF] the team have been very active identifying current and emerging Flytip hot spots in the borough.

Since the last update I can report that the team have been active in the North of the borough and in particular most recently [November 2017] in the Broad Green area with some significant and positive outcomes.

The areas we are targeting in Broad Green and elsewhere are as follows:

- Stanley Road
- Boston Road
- Cecil Road
- Nova Road
- Brading Road
- Aurelia Road by Parade
- Sumner Gardens
- Elmwood Road
- Vicarage road close to the Tram Stop.
- West Croydon Station area and its environs.
- Ampere Way
- Therapia Lane
- Hathaway Road
- Thornton Road
- Canterbury Road
- Wellington Road
- Oakfield Road
- Montague Road
- Lathams Way



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These areas are known to attract disproportionate Flytip activity. Officers have been assigned specific areas to monitor and carry out a combination of engagement, education and enforcement.

In relation to the Hathaway Road, we are continuing in our efforts to contact the landlords who benefited from the Alley gate scheme to ensure that the gate is closed during out of hours to deter fly tipping.

We have also deployed a CCTV Camera at Elmwood Road which has had some positive outcomes leading to the successful issue of a number of fixed penalty notices.

Since the introduction of the Fly tip Task Force as a pilot scheme some 6 months ago the team as has been previously reported has undertaken a number of proactive Flytip operations and during that period have issued **304** Fixed Penalty Notices.