

# ***London Borough of Bexley***

## **News Release**

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### **GETTING TOUGHER ON FLY-TIPPERS**

The number of £400 fixed penalty notices issued for fly-tipping, has significantly increased in Bexley, with over 50 given out in the last four months.

The latest statistics from Defra show that in comparison to neighbouring boroughs Bexley is doing well in reducing the number of fly-tipping incidents however, the Council is not resting on its laurels and is instead toughening its stance.

Under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 it is a criminal offence to fly-tip, and those offenders identified will face a fine of £400. Tough action means Bexley Highway Enforcement Officers responding proactively to fly tipping across the borough and where evidence is obtained, issuing fixed penalty notices of £400. Full payment of the fine is required in all cases - with no reduction for early payment.

Cabinet Member, Councillor Peter Craske said,

"It is good to see that the impact of our work to tackle the scourge of fly-tipping is starting to pay off. Even though the borough has one of the lowest incidents of fly-tipping in London we will continue to be proactive and get even tougher on anyone who blights Bexley in this way.

'Fly-tipping is not just an anti-social behaviour problem it costs taxpayers money to clean up. By working together - the Council and residents - we can keep this momentum going and our united message is that fly-tippers are not welcome here.'

To let us know about incidents of fly-tipping residents should either report this online at [www.bexley.gov.uk](http://www.bexley.gov.uk) or by calling 020 8303 7777.

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- The figures referred to are published annually by the Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) and are based on a comparison of the number of fly tipping incidents in Bexley in 2015/2016 versus the number in 2014/15. The figures can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistical-data-sets/env24-fly-tipping-incidents-and-actions-taken-in-england>

