

Question for Full Council Monday 20th January, 2020

Question 8

Cllr Ashraf to Cllr Hallam

We have continuing problems with fly tipping disfiguring the town. It is particularly bad in Castle on the Upper and Lower Mounts and in Semilong. How is this related to HIMOs and to the retail trade please? Do you see a fly tipping free future any time soon?

Response

The Neighbourhood Wardens have been working hard to increase engagement with residents in the area and they have helped to create new resident groups, this close working with the community is helping to give residents the confidence to report fly tipping and littering.

The Neighbourhood Wardens have joined forces with Officers from Kingdom over the last 3 months on concentrated action within these areas especially looking at dealing with bags being put out for collection on the wrong day. The Officers have reported that they have seen a marked improvement in the area, as on certain days over the Christmas and New Year period there were no bags to be found.

The Council have introduced many initiatives to stop fly-tipping, including reducing the cost of a bulky waste collection, additional enforcement, education and engagement yet despite an increase in people being caught and fined or prosecuted, this type of anti-social behaviour continues. We will continue to work tirelessly to introduce further initiatives and work closely with the residents in those areas impacted.

As part of the budget setting process for 2020/2021 I have proposed the employment of an additional warden to cover the whole of Northampton as a roaming additional help where it is required to accelerate the enforcement of fly-tipping with fixed penalty notices and prosecutions. The fly tipping enforcement will be further enhanced by the wardens learning and specialising in the mobile deployment of CCTV focusing on particular "hot spots" and problem areas.

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Cabinet Member for Environment