

## Southall Green Ward Envirocrime Prevention Service reports for October 2010 – February 2011

TYPE OF ISSUE OR REQUEST	NUMBER OF ACTIONS
Waste & Refuse Investigations	150
Warning Letters	14
Abandoned Vehicles	12
Untaxed Vehicles	2
Street Trading issues/ Cars for sale	12
Skip Permits investigations	21
Special Collection	9
Special Collection quotes	2
Footway Damage investigations	2
Highway Obstruction actions	11
Overhanging Vegetation actions	1
Prosecution's pending	2
Formal Caution	1
Temporary Structure Investigations	1
Fixed Penalty Notices	2

Some more detailed work that I have been working on include the following:

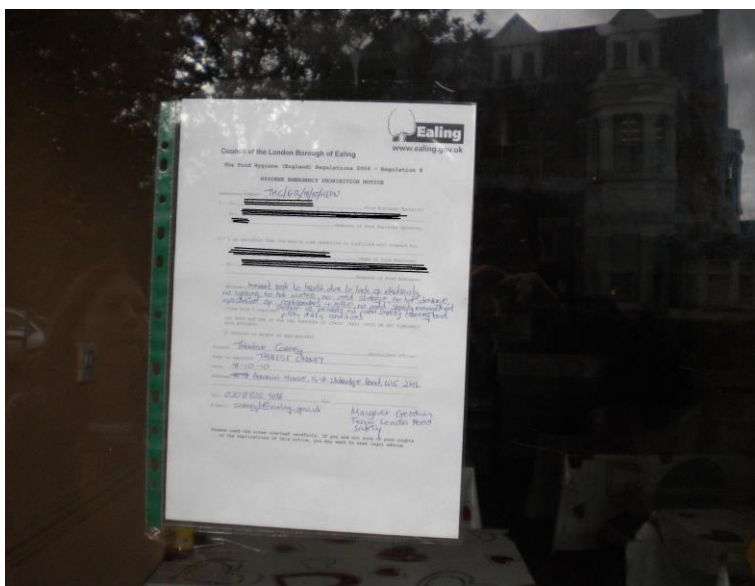
Continued monitoring and investigation of flytip hotspot areas:

**Re: The Green, Dagmar Mews, Dudley Road, Queens Road etc:**

In October I came into this ward. I proactively monitor and take enforcement action where possible on the illegal depositing of waste in Southall Green Ward. Where possible, and as one of my options, I have instructed our contractors to affix a 'No Dumping Sign' onto a wall close to flytipping hotspot's warning individuals that dumping is an offence.

## Partnership Working

Through inter – departmental working I have successfully had input into a restaurant on The Green closed under a Hygiene Emergency Prohibition Notice. This was a formal closure, which resulted from an initial investigation by Envirocrime into excess rubbish in the area. After visiting the premises it was realized that poor hygiene was in force at this business. Regulatory Service was contacted immediately with my findings and after their investigation the establishment was swiftly ordered to close. This is an example that good communication links between Envirocrime officers and other various departments, including outside organization's can work together closely to protect unsuspecting members of the public from those commercial premises that have adopted bad practices in the running of their business. Below, the image shows the Notice attached to the front door of the business.



Another example of successful partnership working was when I witnessed a business on The Green burning materials on site without authorisation under the Clean Air Act 1993. I collated my evidence and passed to the Pollution Dept who consequently wrote to the particular trader to inform him that this deed must stop. The emission of dark smoke from an industrial or trade premises is an automatic offence under the Clean Air Act 1993 which could result in immediate legal proceedings. It has been noted that the trader has since ceased this activity.

Recently, I have been liaising with a colleague from the Park Ranger's Dept regarding the issue of people feeding the pigeons at the open space on Western Rd, Southall. Although there are warning signs present, individuals continue to scatter food at this location. Since January six people have been issued with FPN's where they have been seen scattering food. This area continues to be monitored by Parks & Envirocrime.

### Prosecutions/Enforcement Action

- After a comprehensive investigation a completed case file has recently been passed and accepted by our Legal Department to pursue a prosecution against a Trader who persistently fly tipped black sacks on the public highway on a nightly basis. This case is currently waiting for a Court date to be decided.
- Another trader has been given a Formal Caution and ordered to pay costs to the Council for incorrect procedures whilst disposing of their trade waste. The caution will remain on the Council's files for a period of three years and should they commit any further offences which result in prosecution, the original matter will be drawn to the attention of the Court who may take into account when sentencing (you) on conviction.
- Another business is currently being investigated where an alleged large fly tip offence occurred. Further interviews will be conducted shortly.
- One business was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) for a littering offence, which I witnessed. The FPN was paid and the trader informed me that he has since spoken to all his staff to ensure that employees carry out correct disposal procedures of trade waste in accordance to legislation.
- Various traders have been visited and informed verbally and in writing of their Duty of Care regarding commercial waste, for example, how it must be stored and disposed of correctly etc in accordance to legislation.

### Street Trading

I have been actively approving renewal Street trading applications and speaking to traders that have not completed application forms. I have requested all applications forms to be completed as a matter of urgency as the next stage will be to enforce businesses that continue as unlicensed street traders.