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Dear Councillor,

The Prime Minister's [Anti-Social Behaviour Action Plan](#), launched in March, set out how we will help councils to take tougher action against those who harm our public spaces. Taking proportionate and effective enforcement action against people who intentionally or carelessly damage their local environment is a practical step authorities can take to change behaviour and deter others from offending.

From 31 July 2023, the upper limit of fixed penalty notices for littering, graffiti and fly-posting offences increased from £150 to £500; for household waste duty of care offences from £400 to £600; and for fly-tipping offences from £400 to £1,000. We want to see councils making the most of these new levels. We have recently consulted stakeholders on ringfencing the money raised from these fines for enforcement and clean up activity; and have conducted research into effective local authority enforcement practices and barriers faced. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those of you who have given your valuable time to support this work.

In the action plan, we also set out our commitment to increase transparency of the data on the use of on-the-spot fines, including publishing league tables on fly-tipping. These tables will be used by central and local government, and members of the public, to identify those councils who are taking a proactive approach to enforcement, in lieu of simply cleaning up fly-tipping. This is intended to encourage both scrutiny and the sharing of best practice. The first set of these tables will be published on the 23rd August 2023 alongside our [Official fly-tipping statistics for England](#). They will be based on data submitted by local authorities through Waste Data Flow for the 2021/22 year, which was published online in January 2023. In future years, tables will be incorporated into the main fly-tipping statistics release. If you have any questions about this publication, please contact flytipping@defra.gov.uk

We encourage all authorities to quality assure data before it is submitted through Waste Data Flow. Should you find following publication of the league tables, or on inspection of the already published dataset, that there are errors in the data your authority previously submitted for 2021/22, you can provide corrected information to WasteStatistics@defra.gov.uk. Please note that our revisions policy for the fly-tipping statistics is to make all updates when we publish the next statistical notice, which in this case will be at the end of this year.

We want to be clear that FPNs should never be used to raise revenue. The overarching goal should be to change the behaviour of those who fly-tip and deter others from fly-tipping. Local authorities should choose an enforcement approach which is best suited to their local needs. These principles are set out in our guidance on [effective enforcement for littering](#), which may also provide councils with useful direction for issuing fly-tipping FPNs.

Yours sincerely,

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