



TACKLING THE BLIGHT OF FLY-TIPPING THE CLA'S FIVE POINT PLAN

Rural Britain is facing a surge in fly-tipping. Almost three quarters of farmers and landowners are affected each year, with some targeted multiple times each month. This results in a vicious cycle of costly clean-ups by the victims who bear the burden of waste crime.

We need to take action to tackle this blight on our beautiful countryside, a crime which causes environmental damage and financial damage to victims. The CLA has set out a five-point action plan for how government, farmers, landowners and rural communities can work together to fight back.



1 Appoint a national Fly-Tipping Commissioner – whose responsibilities include:

Co-ordinating with national agencies in tackling serious organised criminal gangs.

Monitoring and reporting on the scale of the problem across public AND private land.

Benchmarking enforcement performance across all relevant agencies.



2 Enforce penalties which better reflect the seriousness of the crime:

A Fixed Penalty Notice is not always an adequate deterrent for organised gangs or large/hazardous fly-tipping incidents.

Seizure of vehicles must be the default penalty to send a clear signal that criminals will face damaging consequences if they are caught fly-tipping.



3 Enforce fines for home and business owners whose waste is found in fly-tipped locations:

To act as a deterrent and encourage waste disposal through legal channels.



4 Develop new ways to clear up and support victims:

Introduce a new permit scheme to allow any private landowner who did not cause or knowingly permit the fly-tipping to dispose of it at a waste disposal site free of charge.

Remove landowner liability to clear up waste on private land.



5 Promote education and working in partnership:

Share best practice advice of how to reduce the chance of being a victim of fly-tipping, based on Design Out Crime principles.

Showcase excellent examples of local partnerships including shared CCTV monitoring schemes, Countryside Watch and post-incident intelligence sharing.

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ALMOST TWO THIRDS OF FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS have been affected by fly-tipping.

OVER HALF AGREE it is a significant issue in their area.

85% OF FARMERS HAVE TAKEN MEASURES to prevent fly-tipping such as installing CCTV or security lights, padlocking entrances or blocking gateways.

Each incident of fly-tipping on private rural land **COSTS THE OWNER ON AVERAGE £1,900** to clean up.

Only **13% OF FARMERS AND LANDOWNERS HAVE INSURED** their business against fly-tipping.