Use of strategic barriers – Canal and River Trust, Smethwick

The site was an access road for motorway maintenance. With fly-tipping occurring every weekend over an eight month period, Canal and River Trust was clearing up to two or three wagon loads of rubbish every week.

They approached two factories that bordered the site and between the three parties, funding was organised to install a barrier. The barrier still allowed wheelchair access but prevented vehicular access and this completely stopped the tipping. As a result of this success, barriers have been installed at four or five other sites, also reducing fly-tipping in these areas.