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# CCTV to tackle Fly-tipping & Littering

## Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council –Fly-tipping Intervention Grant

Blackburn with Darwen Council installed **CCTV and signage** at 3 hotspot locations to capture evidence of offenders littering from vehicles and fly-tipping to support enforcement activity and deter potential fly-tippers. Across all hotspot areas, as a result of the interventions and within 3 months of installation, the **fly-tipping decreased by 77.7%** and the council issued **21 FPNs, with 2 prosecutions in progress.**



*(Hotspot 2 before intervention)*



*(Hotspot 2 after intervention)*

## The Fly-tipping Issue

The council targeted 3 hotspot locations, each with different issues.

**Hotspot 1:** This is a car park situated about 1 mile outside the town centre, on its periphery are several takeaways. The car park is used by takeaway users to consume their meals and therefore has a high issue of littering from vehicles. People will attend the shops and takeaways, park up and dump litter, predominantly food related litter.

**Hotspot 2:** This is a rear alleyway/highway that leads to an area of grass land, which is not overlooked by any properties. This hotspot is targeted by illegal waste operatives and tipper vehicles, who take advantage of the remote location by fly-tipping general waste at this site.

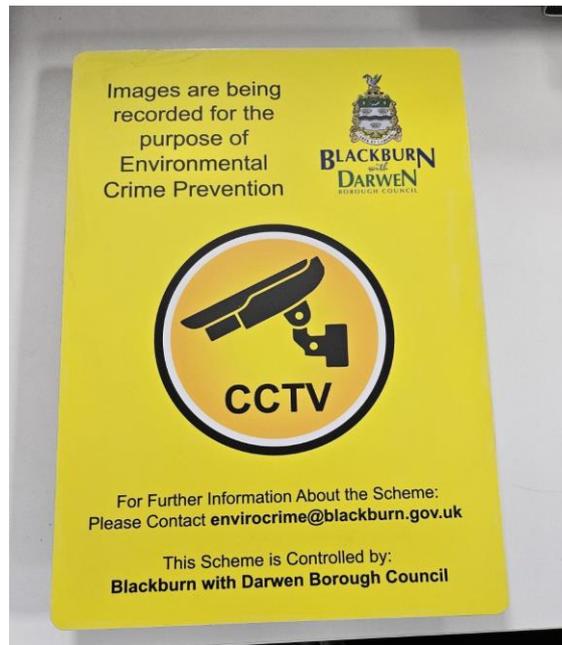
**Hotspot 3:** This hotspot is part of a housing estate; the estate is badly designed with access difficulties. There are often issues with recycling, waste presentation and waste receptacle use. This hotspot has a high amount of household waste fly-tipped by residents.

## The Intervention

The council used a mixture of CCTV and signage to catch offenders and warn potential fly-tippers that CCTV is present, in the hope of deterring them from committing the act. To promote the intervention the council issued a press release in a local newspaper.

**CCTV:** The council's internal street lighting service installed overt CCTV at each hotspot location to aid the council in their enforcement processes. The aim was to make the court prosecutions straightforward as the offenders could not contest the evidence captured by the cameras. The CCTV was provided by a reputable company, are purpose built and provide adequate images to identify offenders. The process of retrieving the footage is easy and straight forward for staff. To combat other anti-social behaviour the council have offered to share any information/evidence captured on the CCTV with Police to aid investigations.

**Signage:** The council installed signage at each hotspot location warning offenders that CCTV was present in accordance with the RIPA regulations. The council's internal street lighting service installed the signage.



## The Result

The installation of CCTV has resulted in significant decreases in fly-tipping incidents at each hotspot location.

At hotspot 1, the CCTV helped combat littering from vehicles as the council would obtain registration numbers through the CCTV footage and the registered keeper of the vehicle was then issued with an FPN.

Feedback from internal staff have been positive so far as less litter and waste is being deposited. Residents have also provided feedback to suggest they are happy the CCTV cameras have been installed in the areas to help combat fly-tipping.

Location	Intervention	Pre-Intervention Monitoring	Post-Intervention Monitoring	Results
Hotspot 1	CCTV & Signage	15 <sup>th</sup> June 2024-15 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 15	16 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 – 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 2	<b>86.8% Decrease</b>
Hotspot 2	CCTV & Signage	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 3	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 1	<b>66.6% Decrease</b>

<b>Hotspot 3</b>	CCTV & Signage	2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 9	3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2024 3	<b>66.6% Decrease</b>
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**Data Source:** Councils internal system and local knowledge

## Other Relevant Data

**Enforcement:** The council have issued 21 FPN's since installing the interventions, using footage captured by the CCTV, and have 2 prosecutions in progress.

## Feedback

### What went well?

Overall, the interventions were successful, with fly-tipping reducing at each hotspot location and the community involvement and partnership working with the housing company benefited the project greatly.

The council plan on procuring CCTV with built in ANPR in future and are looking at inflating the FPN charges.

### What key information would you pass on so others can deliver this project?

Make sure you get buy-in from the community, partners, councillors and use local press to promote the project if possible.

## Equipment Inventory

Item	Supplier	Unit Cost	Quantity	Total Value
CCTV	Revader & Chubb	5820.00	3	£17,460.00
CCTV Signage	SSC	n/a	12	£500.00

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**Defra's Fly-Tipping Intervention Grant:** The Fly-tipping Intervention Grant supported projects trialling approaches and interventions to tackle fly-tipping. Administered by Rural Payments Agency (RPA) on behalf of Defra, this grant provided capital and revenue funding for projects at known fly-tipping hot-spots that showed the potential for improving infrastructure, raising awareness, and supporting enforcement activity.