



# Corbett Residents' Association

Fly tipping and community action in Catford South

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# It's on the rise

- In the last 2 years fly tipping in the UK has increased by 16%.

## Why?

- Disposable nature of household waste: flat pack furniture and white goods.
- Green restrictions on disposing of items such as TVs and fridges.
- Increase in households moving – 11% of households moved in 2013/14, the highest since 2007/8.
- Linked to a growth in the private rented sector, flats in multiple occupation above shops.

# It blights Catford South

There are significant fly tipping hotspots in Catford South.

The screenshot shows the FixMyStreet website interface for Catford South, Lewisham Borough Council. The main map area is densely populated with yellow location pins, indicating a high concentration of reported fly tipping incidents. The left sidebar displays a list of recent reports, each with a title, date, and a small thumbnail image. The reports include:

- Leo Hand Car Wash, Verdant Lane (10:35, Wednesday, last updated 21:30, Friday (fixed))
- Flytipped fridge, Downhill Road SE6 (11:00, Friday)
- Flytipped mattresses, Hafton Road SE6 (10:58, Friday)
- Downhill Road at Broadfield Road (07:47, Friday)
- Outside 88 Newquay Road (11:17, 19 Feb 2016, last updated 13:31, Wednesday (fixed))
- Downhill at Broadfield Road (08:24, 16 Feb 2016, last updated 19:44, Monday (fixed))
- Wood dumped on pavement (09:47, 19 Feb 2016, last updated 13:18, Monday (fixed))

The bottom of the sidebar shows the address "94 Verdant Lane" and a link to "Get updates of problems in this ward". The top navigation bar includes "Report a problem", "Your reports", "All reports", "Local alerts", "Help", and the "mySociety" logo.

# Resident frustration

- It is reducing our quality of life; polluting the environment and providing a significant health hazard.
- It is major source of local resident frustration with the Council.
- Catford South hotspots:
  - ✓ shopping parades with flats above,
  - ✓ alleyways,
  - ✓ street corners
  - ✓ near concentrations of private rented flats and houses in multiple occupation.

# Newham's war on fly tipping

- Newham Council spent £3m to deal with £700,000 cases in 2014, they have responded with:
- 'Love Newham' app linked to Council's tipper vans, street cleansing team respond in minutes.
- 200 CCTV cameras control centre monitoring the streets 24-7.
- 75 law enforcement officers, going through rubbish to get ID and wearing body cameras
- Supporting the campaign to increase fixed penalty fines to £1,000.



# Don't Dump in Downham

Summit in Downham in 2015 - Phoenix Community Housing and residents of Whitefoot, Downham and Grove Park. Phoenix action plan:

- ✓ draw up a list of hotspots and prosecute known offenders
- ✓ introduce neighbourhood patrols in hotspots with some night patrols.
- ✓ fund planting at hotspots and other measures
- ✓ purchase CCTV camera as a pilot.

# Don't Dump in Downham

- ✓ develop a mobile phone app 'Our Phoenix'
- ✓ Lewisham erecting signs in the worst effected areas, Phoenix erecting 100 signs.
- ✓ Lewisham in discussion with Bromley to use their refuge centre without charge.



# What can our community do?

- We want to work with the Council
- We want to map fly tipping hotspots
- We want to pilot a fly tipping prevention project in Catford South
- We want to tackle this problem and come up with sustainable solutions.



