

WISE

Waste Investigations
Support & Enforcement



Ashfield

DISTRICT COUNCIL



Frequently Asked Questions

What are Fixed Penalty Notices?

Since the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 became law, new measures have been introduced, enabling local authorities to issue a FPN to anyone they have reason to believe committed an environmental crime that damages the street scene. A FPN gives an alleged offender the opportunity of discharging their liability from being prosecuted by paying the FPN. If an offender is prosecuted the maximum fine for littering can be up to a maximum of £2,500 and may be faced with a conviction.

How much is a Fixed Penalty Notice?

The Fixed Penalty Notice amount for littering and dog fouling is £75 if paid within 10 days, after this point the amount will increase to £100. The amount is set by the Local Authority using the current guidelines for penalty notice levels.

Where do Environmental Crime Officers powers and authority come from?

The powers are delegated from the Local Authorities we work for. Our Officers will enforce all legislation in accordance to the law, and in line with the Local Authorities' Enforcement Policy.

Can I appeal a Fixed Penalty Notice?

There are no formal grounds of appeal against the issuance of a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN). This is because the FPN is simply an invitation to effectively cease any further proceedings taking place byway of paying the FPN. This means that while this is not an admission of guilt, you are agreeing that an offence has been committed and that by paying the sum requested for that particular offence, no further action will be undertaken by the council.

If you have received a Fixed Penalty Notice and do not agree that you have committed the offence, then the matter can be escalated through formal prosecution via the Courts. It will be at this point whereby the Court will decide, upon receiving all evidence (such as an Officer's witness statement), determine whether or not an offence has in fact been committed and therefore whether a penalty should or should not be imposed.

Contact Details

To make representation, please contact the following email address: adc@wasteenforcement.co.uk

If you need more time to pay, please call the Operational Support Team on **0333 577 2949**

To make payment online, please visit www.noticepayments.co.uk/fpn/adc

To make payment on the automated telephone service, please call **0330 3334 382**