

The Enforcement Team deals with a wide range of public amenity legislation and local byelaws.

If you wish to report a Fixed Penalty Notice offence:

Abandoned Vehicles

Dog Fouling

Fly-Posting

Littering

Nuisance Parking (repairs/exposing for sale)

Or, if you wish to report another environmental crime:

Repetitious Domestic Bonfires

Grass Verge Parking

Fly-Tipping

Stray Dogs

Please contact us on 01462 474000

Email: service@north-herts.gov.uk

Enforcement Officers are constantly out and about patrolling North Hertfordshire and will act whenever they see an offence being committed.

If you wish to report an environmental crime within North Hertfordshire, please contact us on **(01462) 474000**, Text Phone **(01462) 474800**.

Please provide us with any relevant information, including:

- Date and time of offence and description of persons responsible (if known)
- Exact location
- Vehicle registration number, colour, make and model (if relevant)

Alternatively, visit our web site to report online at www.north-herts.gov.uk

To report Graffiti, please telephone 0800 3286023.

To report an Untaxed Vehicle, please telephone the DVLA on 0800 0325202.

Please report to the Police any vehicles parked causing an obstruction of the highway.

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE
DISTRICT COUNCIL



THE REFUSE DISPOSAL (AMENITY) ACT 1978, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990, CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS AND ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACT 2003, DOGS (FOULING OF LAND) ACT 1996, HEALTH ACT 2006

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES

FIXED PENALTY NOTICES MAY BE ISSUED BY AN AUTHORISED OFFICER OF THE COUNCIL, WHEN THEY BELIEVE THAT A LOW-LEVEL ENVIRONMENTAL OR PUBLIC HEALTH CRIME HAS BEEN COMMITTED.

AN AUTHORISED OFFICER OF THE COUNCIL MAY OFFER THE ALLEGED OFFENDER AN OPPORTUNITY TO AVOID PROSECUTION AT A MAGISTRATES COURT AND A CRIMINAL RECORD, BY THE PAYMENT OF A FIXED PENALTY NOTICE.

Making North Hertfordshire a vibrant place to live, work and prosper.

North Hertfordshire District Council is responsible for a wide range of public amenity legislation and local byelaws. The introduction of the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 and Health Act 2006 has given local authorities greater powers to tackle environmental crime.

Fixed Penalty Notices can be used in appropriate low-level crime cases as a quick, visible and effective way of dealing with offenders, providing an alternative to prosecution.

Fixed Penalty Notices may be issued for a range of offences including littering, fly-posting, graffiti, fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles and dog fouling.



A fixed Penalty Notice is a fine issued by the Council to an individual or business for a range of offences as an alternative to prosecution. Payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice means no further action will be taken for that particular offence. If you pay a Fixed Penalty Notice, no further action will be taken.

Authorised officers of the Council issuing the Fixed Penalty Notices are not authorised to accept payment 'on the spot'.

Legislation	Offence	Standard Penalty (14 days)	Reduced Penalty (if paid within 10 days)
S6(1) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	Nuisance Vehicles (repairs/exposing for sale)	£100	£60
S2A(1) Refuse Disposal (Amenity) Act 1978	Abandoned Vehicle	£200	£120
S88(1) Environmental Protection Act 1990	Littering (includes chewing gum and cigarette ends)	£75	£50
S94A(2) Environmental Protection 1990	Street Litter Control Notices and Litter Cleaning Notices	£100	£60
Schedule 3A, para 7(2) Environmental Protection 1990	Unauthorised distribution of literature on designated land	£75	£50
S43 Anti-social Behaviour Act 2003	Graffiti and Fly-posting	£75	£50
S59(2) Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005	Offences under Dog Control Orders	£75	£50
The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996	Dog Fouling (where Dog Control Order does not exist)	£50	£50
Environmental Protection Act 1990	Fly-Tipping Prosecution is the preferred option	N/A	N/A
S8 Noise Act 1996	Noise from dwellings	£100	£60
S8 Noise Act 1996 (not in force yet)	Noise from licensed premises	£500	£500
Legislation	Offence	Standard Penalty (29 days)	Reduced Penalty (if paid within 15 days)
S7 Health Act 2006	Smoking in smoke-free premises	£50	£30
S6 Health Act 2006	No signs smoke-free	£200	£150

Payment must be made within 14 days of the issuing date. An early discount will be offered if payment is made within 10 days. If full payment is not made within 14 days then you are very likely to receive a summons to attend a magistrates court and will be prosecuted for the offence. The Council may also seek to recover costs back whilst in court.

Authorised officers of the Council will be working in partnership with the Police, Police Community Support Officers, CCTV operators, and other relevant departments and authorities. Authorised officers of the Council may call on the Police for assistance to help gather details of the offenders identity or the vehicle details may be used to help identify the offender.

Failure to provide your name and address or to give false contact details is a further offence for which an additional fine of £1,000 may be imposed upon conviction.

Fixed Penalty Notices will not be issued to repeat offenders or if the offence is not a low-level crime, as prosecution is the appropriate option, or if the authorised officer of the Council decides that this option is not appropriate due to the circumstances at the time.

For further information on Fixed Penalty Notices and the Councils Housing and Environmental Health Statement of Enforcement Policy and Practice, please visit our website at www.north-herts.gov.uk