

Call for evidence: Fly-tipping in London

July 2026

The London Assembly Environment Committee has launched an investigation into nature, scale and impacts of fly-tipping and illegal waste dumping in London.

Background

Fly-tipping is defined as the “illegal disposal of household, industrial, commercial or other ‘controlled’ waste”.¹ London has the highest rates of fly-tipping in the country – 53 incidents per 1,000 people - more than double that of any other region. Since 2018-19, the number of cases in London have increased by 48 per cent.² Most incidents that are reported happen on roads or footpaths and involve household waste.³

While most fly-tipping incidents are less than a van load of waste, there are some sites that are far bigger. The Environment Agency becomes involved in sites that are ‘large scale, illegal dumping’, including a lorryload (20 tonnes) worth of rubbish, hazardous waste, or organised criminal waste operations.⁴

How to respond

The Committee would like to invite organisations or individuals with relevant experience or expertise to provide evidence to inform the work of the Committee and influence its recommendations to the Mayor. You may wish to focus on the following questions:

1. Why are fly tipping rates in London higher than the rest of the country?
 - a. Why are fly-tipping rates increasing in London?
 - b. What are the underlying causes of fly tipping in London?
 - c. How does fly-tipping differ between boroughs, and are there differences between Inner and Outer London areas?
2. What are the most significant environmental impacts of fly-tipping and illegal dumping in London? Please share examples as relevant
 - a. What progress has been made on remediating large-scale fly-tipping sites in London?
3. What interventions are most effective for reducing fly-tipping?
 - a. How can these interventions be replicated?
 - b. What impact has the Government’s Waste Crime Action Plan had on large-scale fly-tipping and illegal dumping in London? Is it targeting the right areas?
 - c. What opportunities are there to reduce fly-tipping through improvements to the circular economy, waste reduction, and reuse and repair initiatives?
4. How effective is current co-ordination around fly-tipping, including between national agencies and local stakeholders?
 - a. What has the GLA and ReLondon done to support boroughs in addressing fly-tipping?
 - b. What role should the Mayor of London and related stakeholders (such as GLA, Met police & ReLondon) play in supporting and coordinating efforts to reduce fly-tipping?

¹ House of Commons Library Fly-tipping [SN05672](#)

² UK Government [Fly-tipping statistics for England, 2024 to 2025](#)

³ UK Government [Fly-tipping statistics for England, 2024 to 2025](#)

⁴ UK Government [Reporting fly-tipping, large-scale dumping or other waste crimes](#)

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The Committee would also welcome **stories and images** of local fly-tipping hotspots, and to hear examples of Londoners' experiences of efforts (such as through litter-picking or campaigns) to address these issues. The London Assembly is committed to hearing from a diverse range of voices which reflect the rich diversity of the city.

Please answer only those that are most relevant to you - you do not need to answer all questions. Written submissions should be sent to scrutiny@london.gov.uk with 'Environment Committee Fly-tipping call for evidence' as the subject line. We would welcome responses **by Friday 18th September 2026** if possible. Please get in touch if this is not possible, and you would like the Committee to consider an extension.

What we will do with the responses

The results will be used to inform the London Assembly Environment Committee's investigation. Responses may be used to form part of a report or output from the Committee.

In the large majority of circumstances, we will publish written submissions and the name of the individual or organisation that submitted it online. This is so that there is transparency about what evidence the Committee has received. Exceptions to this are usually applied where there is a legal reason for non-publication or if there is a safeguarding or welfare issue. If there is a reason that you would like your evidence not to be published with your name (submitted anonymously) or to not be published (submitted confidentially), please let us know and the Committee will consider it. However, this cannot be guaranteed, and

the Assembly may be required to release non-personally identifiable information if requested under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Email submissions	scrutiny@london.gov.uk Please use 'Environment Committee Fly-tipping call for evidence' as subject line by Friday 18th September 2026
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About the Environment Committee

The London Assembly consists of 25 elected London Assembly Members, who publicly examine the policies and programmes of the Mayor of London and associated bodies.

The Environment Committee examines and reports on matters relating to the environment and energy in London and leads on scrutiny of the Mayor's Environment Strategy. The members of the committee are:

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