

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

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QUESTION J

Councillor Poole to ask the Operations and Traded Services Portfolio Holder, Councillor Miss Lawrence:

“Since the onset of the Covid restrictions, Wolston and the Lawfords has seen a marked increase in illegal fly tipping throughout the ward, and now seems to be targeted regularly. Could the portfolio holder provide an approximation of the costs incurred by the Council for the subsequent fly tipping ‘clean up’ operations needed in the ward, and similarly for the wider Borough as a whole, when comparing Q2 x 2021 vs Q1 x 2021?”

Councillor Miss Lawrence, Operations and Traded Services Portfolio Holder, to reply as follows:

“I would like to thank Councillor Poole for this important question and agree with him that we have seen a high number of fly tipping incidents over the last year. This applies to many wards across the Borough, but I am acutely aware that some parishes (including Wolston and the Lawfords) have been particularly adversely affected.

During the first quarter of 2021/22, we have seen costs of approximately £47,000 to clean up fly tips across the Borough. The figures for the second quarter of 2021/22 are not yet finalised, but for contrast, the second quarter of 2020/21 saw costs of approximately £65,000.

I would be pleased to meet Councillor Poole to understand how we can work across the two portfolios to tackle this significant issue. I would also suggest that these discussions feed into the future agendas of the Waste Management and Fly Tipping working party.

When I was teaching, we had an educational programme called ‘show racism the red card’. I think we would all agree that it is time that Rugby Borough showed fly tipping the red card.”