



## Fly Tipping Camera Policy

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**Background**

Fly tipping is a growing problem in many areas of the United Kingdom and the Crondall Parish Council (CPC) area suffers frequently from this criminal activity.

Due to the rural nature of Hart, with access to major roads such as the M3 and A287, our local parishes are easy for fly tipping to occur. A 2024 DEFRA report listed the worst places for fly tipping (measured in incidents) in Hampshire. Hart is 4<sup>th</sup> out of thirteen councils.

**Why is fly tipping a problem?**

- ❖ The illegal disposal of waste
- ❖ Causes environmental harm
- ❖ Presents a risk to public health
- ❖ Spoils the local environment
- ❖ Reduces amenity value and affects communities
- ❖ May harm or injure wildlife, livestock and pets, and children attracted to it
- ❖ Acts as a catalyst for further crime, including attracting more fly tipping or arson, leading to a deterioration of the local environment and a reduction in public confidence in an area.

In its more serious forms, illegally deposited waste can release pollution into the ground, groundwater, any nearby watercourses and into the air, and it can damage soil quality. This is particularly relevant if the waste is not cleared quickly and is allowed to decay with rain leaching substances from the waste and/or the waste contains liquid or hazardous materials. It can also be set alight, generating numerous hazardous air pollutants.

Organised waste crime undermines our efforts to dispose of waste responsibly and also the viability of legitimate waste management businesses. Illegal operators undercut those operating within the law; they avoid waste disposal costs, permit fees and taxes, and do not invest in new waste recovery technology.

**Purpose, Scope & Principles**

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines around the deployment and operation of CCTV cameras in order to deter and protect the environment, public health and community wellbeing.

The policy applies to all CPC owned cameras installed specifically for fly tipping surveillance within the parish boundaries. CCTV will be used solely for the purpose of preventing and investigating fly tipping incidents. Such evidence is handed to and used by the relevant authorities to prosecute and gain convictions of those responsible.

CPC have consulted with the Hart fly tipping enforcement team and other experts in the technology and processes required to detect and prosecute the perpetrators of fly tipping. While it is necessary that details of the deployment of our cameras remains confidential, the parish council have documented this policy in the interests of transparency. Over time the parish council may improve and change the way that cameras are used to detect fly tipping in line with expert advice and best practice. Should changes be required, this policy will be reviewed and duly updated by the parish council to reflect these changes.

The use of cameras by the parish council will meet the following criteria:

- ❖ Be used only for the purposes of detecting and recording of fly tipping activity
- ❖ Be used only within the parish council boundaries
- ❖ Be used only in areas within the parish that have been previously subject to fly tipping
- ❖ Be used in compliance of the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) including:
  - Using devices that password protect access to images and information
  - Deleting all images and information as soon as it is established that they do not relate to fly tipping activity
  - Deleting local copies of images and information that may relate to fly tipping activity once copies have been received by the relevant authorities
- ❖ Permission to locate a camera on private property will be gained from the property owner before deployment
- ❖ Cameras will not be deployed permanently at any single site
- ❖ Signage will clearly indicate the presence of CCTV surveillance in these areas
- ❖ The exact location of deployed cameras will be kept confidential
- ❖ Accurate historical records of the date, time, location and period of deployment will be maintained
- ❖ When not in use the cameras will be securely stored and not used for any other purpose without the express permission of the Council

### Public Awareness

The parish council will inform residents of the purpose and operation of CCTV cameras at its Annual Parish Meeting and through community channels such as, but not limited to, the parish council website, Facebook and parish magazines.

The use of cameras by the Council is a means of collecting evidence to support prosecution and conviction of the perpetrators. It is not intended to discourage or replace the reporting of fly tipping incidents to the relevant authorities by the people of the parish.

If you see waste that you believe has been illegally disposed of then you should definitely report it, using one of the following routes:

- ❖ FixMyStreet is an independent website, built by the charity mySociety to make it easier to report problems in your community, even if you do not know who those reports should go to. Download the FixMyStreet app or go to <https://www.fixmystreet.com>
- ❖ Hart District Council (HDC) also uses the FixMyStreet service. You can report fly tipping on their dedicated portal too <https://hart.fixmystreet.com>

### Reporting and Complaints

Any questions about or issues with the content of this Policy should, in the first instance, be raised in writing to the Parish Clerk ([clerk@crondall-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@crondall-pc.gov.uk)).

### Review and Amendments

As with the majority of CPC policies, a regular review of this policy will be undertaken to ensure its continued effectiveness, relevance and alignment with legal requirements