

**QUESTION TO THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR PUBLIC PROTECTION AND SAFETY FROM COUNCILLOR IAN DUNN—FOR ORAL REPLY.**

I have recently obtained the following information on Fixed Penalty Notices issued by London Councils for enviro-crime in 2018/19.

<b>Year</b>	<b>ONS Code</b>	<b>LA Name</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Total Fixed Penalty Notice Actions</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>*Total</b>	<b>*Total</b>	<b>London</b>	<b>42813</b>
2018-19	E09000031	Waltham Forest	London	9977
2018-19	E09000024	Merton	London	8560
2018-19	E09000033	Westminster	London	4158
2018-19	E09000009	Ealing	London	4055
2018-19	E09000017	Hillingdon	London	3343
2018-19	E09000019	Islington	London	2831
2018-19	E09000005	Brent	London	1679
2018-19	E09000003	Barnet	London	1016
2018-19	E09000022	Lambeth	London	730
2018-19	E09000025	Newham	London	722
2018-19	E09000032	Wandsworth	London	652
2018-19	E09000008	Croydon	London	518
2018-19	E09000028	Southwark	London	507
2018-19	E09000007	Camden	London	489
2018-19	E09000010	Enfield	London	457
2018-19	E09000002	Barking and Dagenham	London	411
2018-19	E09000018	Hounslow	London	408
2018-19	E09000027	Richmond upon Thames	London	364
2018-19	E09000029	Sutton	London	338
2018-19	E09000023	Lewisham	London	331
2018-19	E09000012	Hackney	London	210

2018-19	E09000013	Hammersmith and Fulham	London	195
2018-19	E09000001	City of London	London	189
2018-19	E09000014	Haringey	London	165
2018-19	E09000016	Havering	London	160
2018-19	E09000011	Greenwich	London	132
2018-19	E09000004	Bexley	London	86
2018-19	E09000020	Kensington and Chelsea	London	85
2018-19	E09000021	Kingston upon Thames	London	21
2018-19	E09000015	Harrow	London	15
2018-19	E09000006	Bromley	London	9
2018-19	E09000030	Tower Hamlets	London	0

Can the Portfolio Holder please explain why Bromley has issued such a small number?

**ANSWER:**

The figures quoted are taken from the Defra Fly-Tipping statistics for 2018/19, which were published on 7th November 2019 (with a link to the data table from page 13 of the report): [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/845171/FlyTipping\\_201819\\_Statistical\\_Release\\_FINAL\\_Accessible.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/845171/FlyTipping_201819_Statistical_Release_FINAL_Accessible.pdf)

Defra have advised on p2 of the report to use caution when comparing authorities:

*'In assessing the figures, local authorities should not be ranked or classified as 'good' or 'poor' performers based purely on numbers of fly-tips. Direct comparison between local authorities is not appropriate. ....Trends over time for a particular local authority may be a fairer comparison..'*

Bromley has recently issued a benchmarking survey to all London Environment Directors requesting their borough's definition of fly-tipping, along with the FTEs and budgets assigned to enforcement in their authority. This should assist LBB officers in undertaking a more robust comparison exercise.