

Item 8

GROT SPOT CAMPAIGN 2017-18

To receive an oral report from Wirral Council's
Lead Commissioner – Environment
(Mike Cockburn).

Grot Spot Action Plan 2 2017/18

Constituency Committees
June/July 2017

Waste & Environmental Services

Tackling Untidy Land

Grot Spot Action Plan

What is a Grot Spot? A piece of land that is causing detriment to the local amenity i.e. having a significantly detrimental impact on the local community and residents' lives, e.g. large-scale fly tipping, anti social behaviour.

Overview of Grot Spot Action Plan 1 - 2016/17	
No. of sites referred	26
No. of Community Protection Notices (CPN) served	7
No. of Section 215 Notice (Town & Country Planning Act)	1
No. of sites where the owner has taken action following issue of notice	18
No. of sites referred for Council remediation	7
No. of sites completed to date	5

Grot Spot Action Plan

Site Example Adjacent to Telegraph Road, Thurstaston



Report grot spots to: highwaysenforcement@wirral.gov.uk

Grot Spot Action Plan 2

Identification of grot spot sites, not in Council or partner ownership

- Pursue improvements to remaining sites on 2016/17 Grot Spot Action Plan 1;
- Ask stakeholders to identify grot spot sites or inclusion in Grot Spot Action Plan 2;
- Clarify site ownership and issue improvement notices where known, serve on land where not known.
- Carry out improvement works and investigate sustainable solutions, including site security.
- Keep stakeholders informed of progress with sites and timescales for improvement.
- Pursue landowner for reimbursement of the costs incurred from carrying out improvement works in default.

Land Maintenance Commitment

Voluntary agreement to maintain privately owned land following improvement works.

- Ensure land is secured as far as possible from potential anti-social activity, including fly-tipping;
- Implement a regular inspection regime;
- Promptly Carry out remedial work for issues causing detriment to the local amenity;
- Provide contact details to Wirral Council; and
- Notify Wirral Council of any changes to land/property ownership.

Ask for Stakeholders

- Identify grot spot sites for inclusion in the 2nd action plan
- Email details of identified sites to mikecockburn@wirral.gov.uk by Friday 21st July 2017