

COUNCIL – TUESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2025

ITEM 5 – QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM SIOBHAN DIILLON TO COUNCILLOR M WYATT

There are places in Coleorton that regularly get used for fly tipping. Usually, once reported the Street Cleaning team remove the rubbish within 5 days and are very reliable in this regard. However, when a tip contains potentially hazardous material, such as asbestos, external contractors are required and the time for pick up is not clear.

Currently, Coleorton has a tip of such material, reported on 23/07/2025, still remains there and there has been not communication with the Street Cleaning team to inform when the tip will be cleared. This is attracting more tipping in the area. I also understand that at least one other parish is having a similar issue.

What are the arrangements and expected processes made with the external contractor and the District for these fly tips?

REPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR M WYATT

I fully acknowledge the frustration caused by the delay in the clearance and lack of communication from the Street Cleansing Team in this particular location. Unfortunately, recent staffing sickness and a shortage of qualified HGV drivers to operate the necessary machinery have placed significant pressure on our services. As a result, we have had to prioritise household waste and recycling collections, which has regrettably impacted on our ability to respond to fly tipping as promptly as we would like.

For this report we are liaising with our contractor to confirm its removal, and we have been advised this will be completed by Friday 19th September

In terms of the process for fly tipping reports:

- Fly tips reported on public land are investigated for evidence that could lead to prosecution of the perpetrator.
- The District Council works with an external contractor for hazardous removals, but availability is subject to resource constraints.
- Communication between teams is usually coordinated through scheduled updates, but we recognise that this has not been consistent in recent weeks, due to staffing constraints explained above.
- We are actively reviewing our service delivery and contractor arrangements to improve response times and ensure better communication with affected areas.