

Fixed Penalty Notice Survey

September 2014

Background

The purpose of this consultation is to gauge public opinion on the theme of Fixed Penalty Notices, and in particular how they are used to address Environmental Offences. This includes assessing the perceived extent of environmental issues, as well as suggested levels of fine.

Methodology & sample size

An online survey supported by self-completion questionnaires was conducted between 15th August – 5th September 2014, and a final sample size of **327** was achieved. The Community Engagement team publicised the web-link and distributed questionnaires at events, and to community groups, as well as our Community Champions.

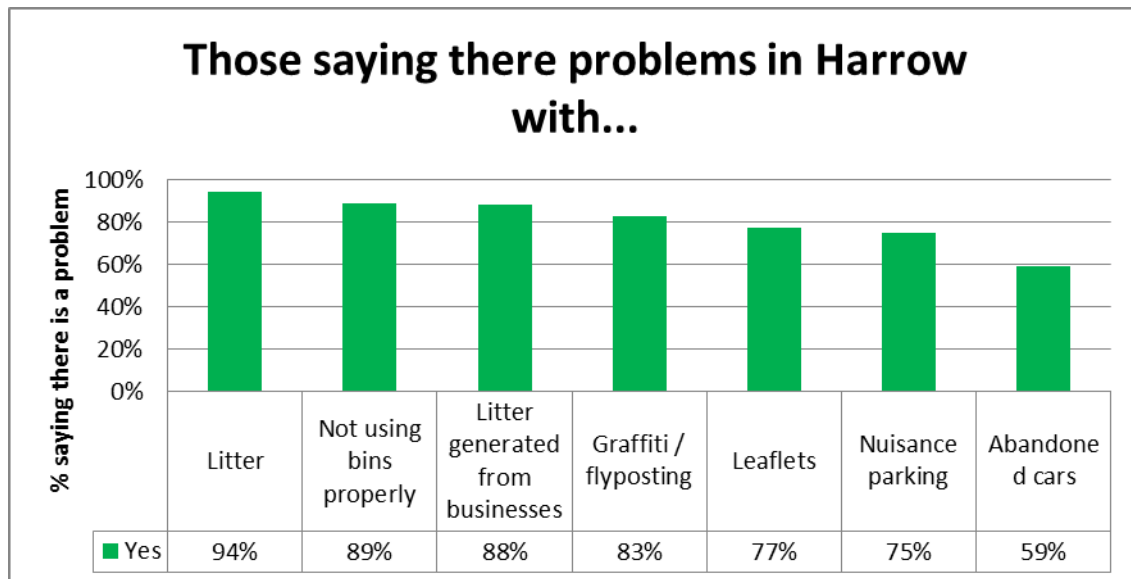
The survey was around 10 minutes in length, comprised of a mix of pre-coded and open ended questions.

Topline summary of results

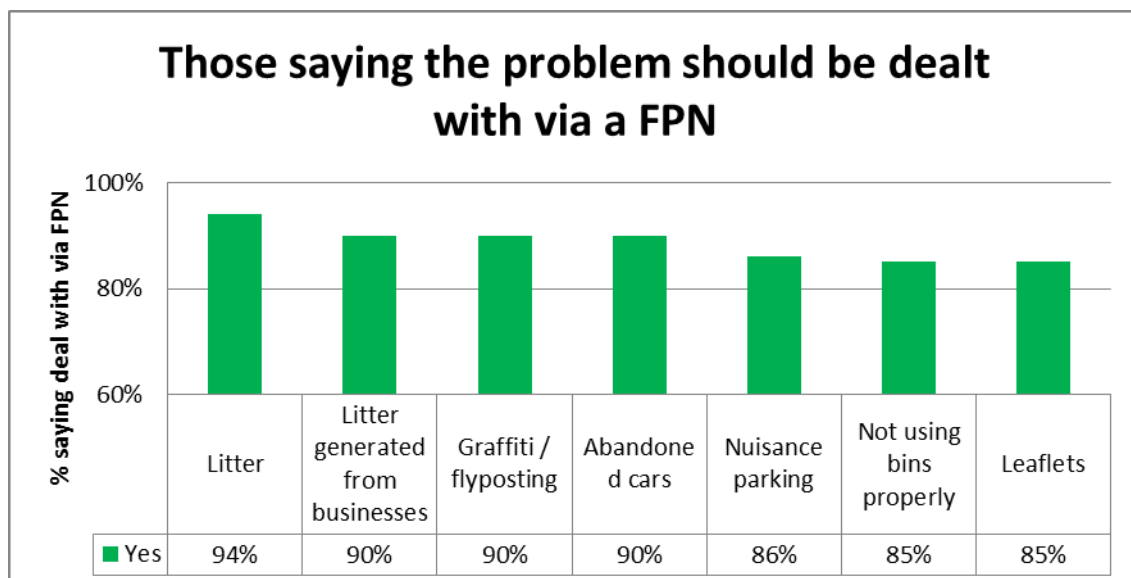
The survey looked at the following themes, which are addressed on the following pages:

- Litter
- Leaflets & literature
- Graffiti and flyposting
- Not using bins properly
- Litter generated from businesses
- Nuisance parking in Harrow
- Abandoned cars
- Failure to produce a Waste Carriers Licence
- Failure to produce a waste transfer note

- **Is there a problem?** The majority of respondents said there was a problem with the environmental issues raised. This ranged from more than 9 out of 10 respondents for 'litter' down to around 6 in 10 for abandoned cars.



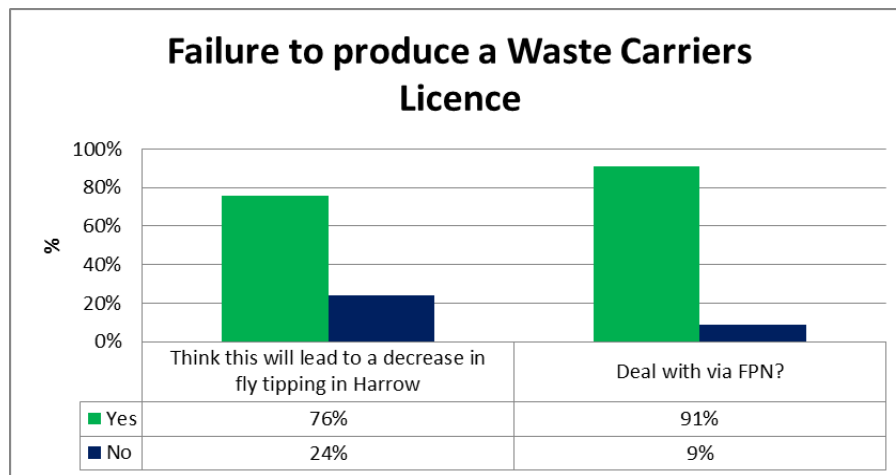
- **Should they be dealt with by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice?** Around 9 out of 10 of respondents agreed that these matters should be dealt with by way of enforcement via issuing a FPN. The figures range from 94% (litter) to 85% (leaflets); the feeling was consistent across the various themes.



The final two themes were asked in a slightly different way:

Failure to produce a Waste Carriers Licence (A £300 FPN is to be issued, reduced to £180 if paid within 10 days).

- Around three quarters of respondents (76%) thought that this FPN would lead to a decrease in fly-tipping in Harrow
- 9 out of 10 respondents (91%) agreed that the problem should be dealt with via a FPN



Failure to produce a waste transfer note (A £300 FPN is to be issued, reduced to £180 if paid within 10 days)

- 8 out of 10 respondents (80%) thought that this FPN would lead to a decrease in fly-tipping in Harrow.
- 9 out of 10 respondents (91%) agreed that the problem should be dealt with via a FPN.

