



Neighbourhood Area: South

**Communities & Neighbourhood
Manager:** Debra Harris

Walkabout area: Cranage Road and
parts of Barrett Road

Walkabout date: 30th June 2015

Resident feedback

In June, council officers and councillors visited the area around Cranage Road and Barrett Road to discuss concerns about fly tipping on the railway lines and the land around it that also belongs to Network Rail.

Whether you were spoken to or not, we think it is important to give you some feedback about the conversations we had and the issues that were raised, as well as what can be done to try and resolve them – please find a summary below.

Our intention with this walkabout was to talk with residents about the dangers of fly tipping around the embankment and by the railway lines in the neighbourhood. We wanted to raise awareness of what the residents can do to help resolve the issue.

We spoke to 33 people about their concerns and the following issues were raised:

Fly-tipping of waste onto any land including railway land is a criminal offence under Section 33 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and carries an unlimited fine and/or a maximum 5 years prison sentence if heard at a Crown Court.

The waste that has been fly-tipped onto railway land is very expensive to remove. If the waste is considered an imminent risk to public safety then the waste must be removed from the land by specially trained personnel resulting in the unnecessary disruption of the train service (i.e. temporary closure of the line, speed reduction on the line)

More importantly, the fly tipped waste may fall onto the track which could result in a collision and possible derailment of a train.

Norwich City Council is working with Network Rail, British Transport Police and Norfolk Constabulary to monitor this section of the railway line which is the mainline from Norwich to London Liverpool Street. Such monitoring may include high resolution CCTV cameras and regular patrols by the British Transport Police, the Norfolk Constabulary and Norwich City Council officers.

Walkabouts for your neighbourhood



If you see someone fly tipping on the railway lines please call the police

- 999 - if it is happening at the time of the call or you feel there is a real risk of the items falling on to the railway line
- or
- 101 if you have information about fly tipping



However, please note that when fly tipping is happening on public land this should be reported to the council on 0344 980 3333 or you can use the following link:

<http://www.norwich.gov.uk/Forms/Pages/Fly-tipping.aspx>

We hope you found this report interesting. To see the programme of when and where we will be for the next three months visit www.norwich.gov.uk and go to the Walkabouts page of the A to Z. All residents are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you there.

If you would like more information or have any queries, please contact:
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