

Title of Report: Illegal Dumping Sites – Strabane Area	Officer Presenting: Head of Environment Author: Head of Environment
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

1.1 To advise Members as to the location of mews lanes and dumping 'hot spots' within the wider Strabane area following requests from Members.

2 Background

2.1 Members had requested that officers compile a list of mews lanes and illegal dumping hot spots across the wider Strabane district following a similar exercise within Derry City.

2.2 The officer team have reviewed the locations of lane and dumping hot spots across the area referred to above with the locations listed below;

- Ballymagorry canal (including Park Road)
- Springhill Park, Strabane.
- "The Gap" at Head of the Town, Strabane (this is owned by NIHE but still bad for fly tipping)
- Fyfin Road (Victoria Bridge to Castleberg)
- Strabane by-pass (rarely, but known to happen)
- Urney Road (Strabane to Clady)
- Peacock Road
- Bellspark Road
- Victoria Road lay bys – main road to Derry (again rarely, but sometimes by buses etc over the weekend)
- River walkway, Sion Mills
- Mourne Park, Newtownstewart
- Strabane Road, Newtownstewart

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 Whilst the instances of illegal dumping on mews lanes within the Strabane area is quite low there are a number of areas – primarily in remote locations – that attract significant volumes of illegally dumped wastes.
- 3.2 The list above is not exhaustive and Members will well be aware that dumping can occur on any isolated spot or road and vary in type and volume.
- 3.3 Council has direct responsibility for wastes volumes below 20m³ with the NIEA having responsibility for quantities of material above this threshold. Additionally NIEA have responsibility for all instances of illegally dumped hazardous wastes.
- 3.4 Council enforcement teams undertake investigations once notified of occurrences and bring forward enforcement action once offenders are identified.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, Rural Needs and other Implications

- 4.1 Whilst there are no direct financial costs associated with this item Council incurs significant expenditure annually dealing with indiscriminately dumped wastes.
- 4.2 Council officers will continue to investigate all instances of illegal dumping and take action where appropriate.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to note the content as detailed above.

Background Papers