



SERIAL FLY-TIPPER PUT BEHIND BARS

<p>WHAT HAPPENED?</p>	<p>A notorious fly-tipper made national news when he was caught on camera tipping a truck-load of rubble, wood and other building waste while driving along a quiet road in Croydon.</p> <p>The shocking footage of three tonnes of waste spilling out onto the road – which you can view here – landed the thoughtless enviro-criminal in court.</p>
<p>OUTCOME</p>	<p>At the trial, the District Judge allowed a ‘bad-character’ application from Croydon Council, taking into account the fly-tipper’s previous conviction for similar offences in Surrey the same year.</p> <p>The fly-tipper was found guilty of dumping the waste along with three other fly-tipping offences, resulting in a year-long prison sentence.</p>
<p>CONTEXT</p>	<p>At sentencing on 25 January 2017, the Judge made clear that continuous offending would lead to prison time.</p> <p>She also emphasised the damage done to communities in Croydon by fly-tipping and the costs that must be met by the Council.</p>
<p>WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?</p>	<p>The fly-tipper was making a considerable profit by dumping waste illegally, and had done so for a long period of time.</p> <p>The waste should have been disposed of properly by a registered waste carrier, and should have been taken to a place permitted to accept it.</p> <p>Waste producers should always check that the person they are handing waste to is properly registered to carry it, and they should know where the waste is going to be taken.</p>