



# **Environmental Enforcement OSC Update – February 2010**

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# Who are Environmental Enforcement?

- A bespoke team of enforcers dealing with a range of Nuisance and Environmental Crimes
- Team of 6 ½ officers with various specialties and work experiences that allow us to deal with a broad remit of work



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# Environmental Enforcement Remit



# Public Health

## Drainage



## Pests / Filthy Properties



16.1.2004





## Statutory Nuisance

- Noise
- Odour
- Smoke
- Light
- Premises
- Accumulations
- Pests

## Animals and Licensing

- Animal Welfare
- Stray and Lost dogs
- Licensing of Animal Establishments and Dangerous Wild Animals
- Dangerous Dogs & Sheep Worrying



you said

we did

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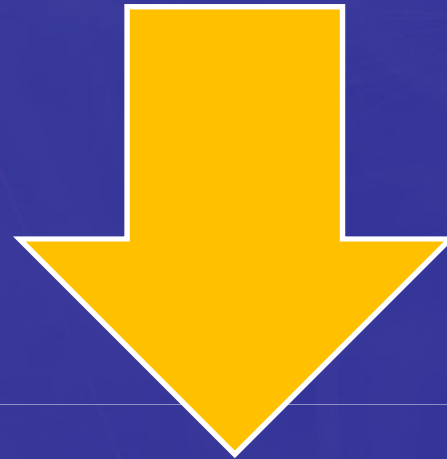
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Kent Police MAIDSTONE Safer Maidstone

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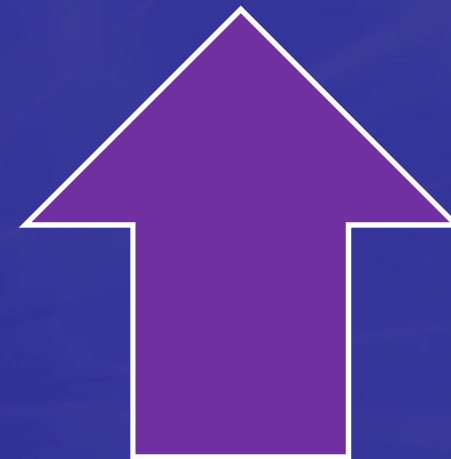
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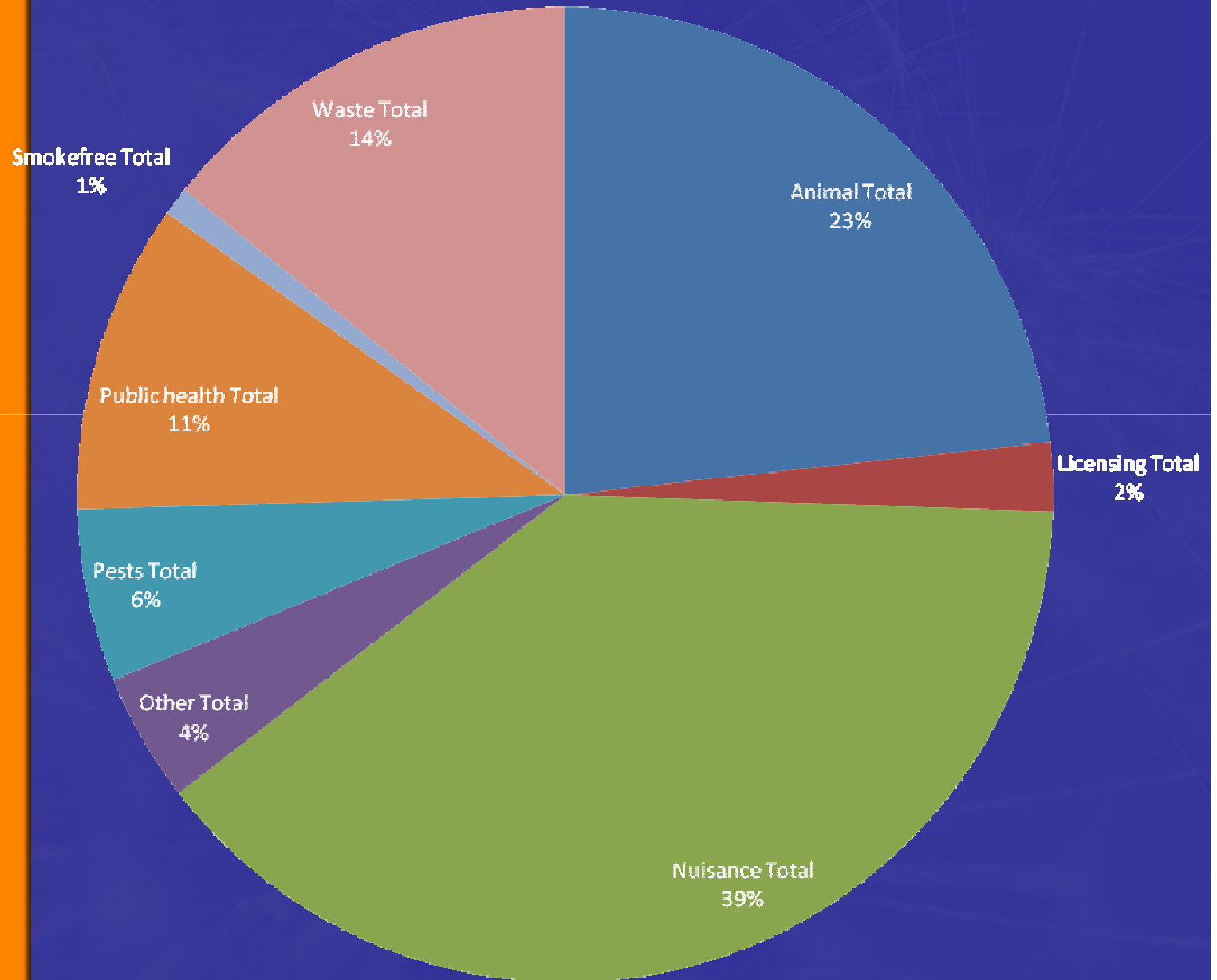
Statutory  
Functions



Powers,  
Political  
will and  
Public  
desire



# 2009 % Breakdown Chart of Environmental Enforcement Service Requests



# Campaign's 2009

## January 2009

**57% decrease in fast food litter**



## July 2009

**Keep Britain Tidy consolidating national data to lobby parliament about car litter**



## August 2009

**21% decrease in chewing gum measured after second count**



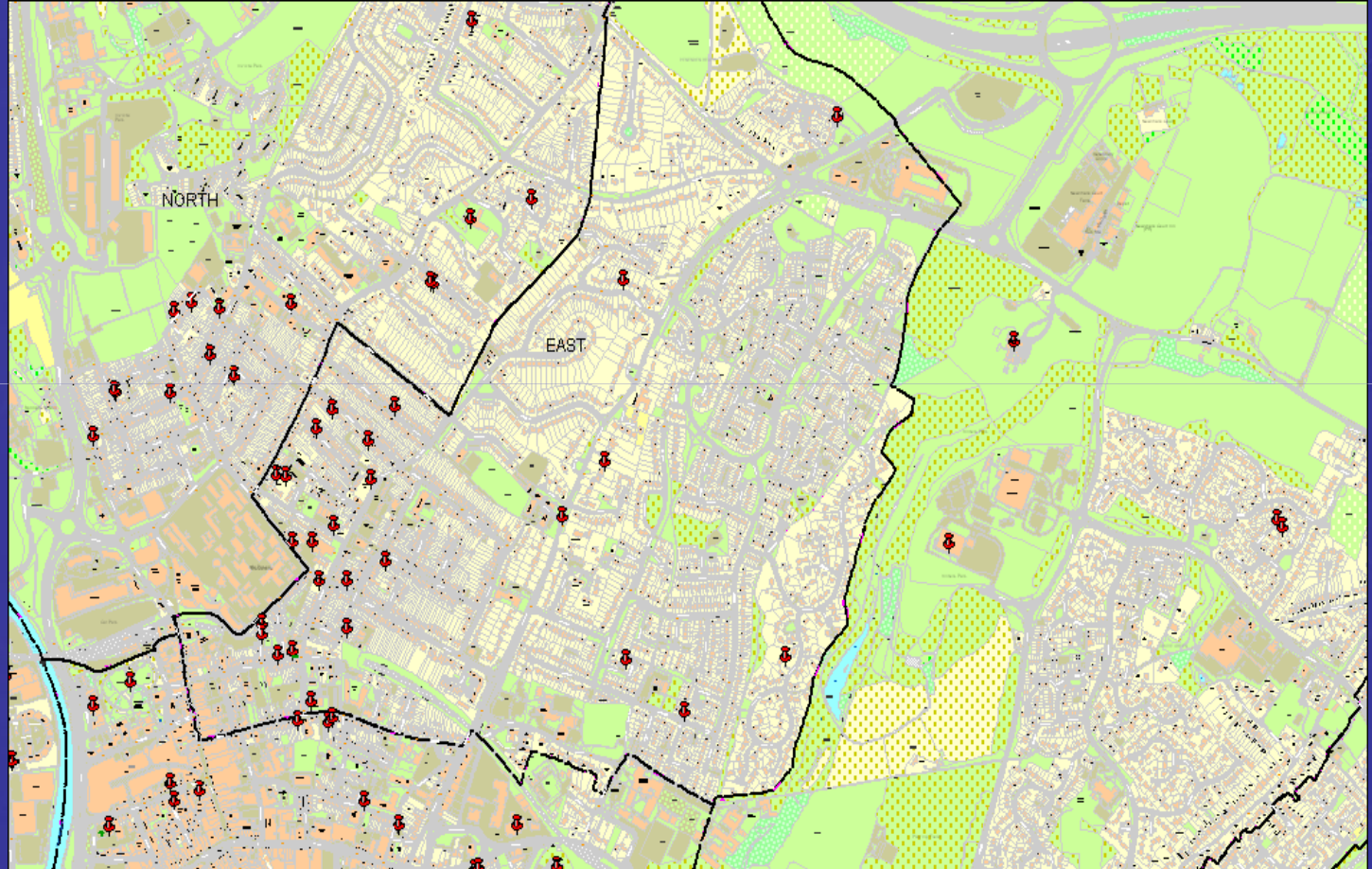


# Moving from Reactive to Responsive

- Intelligence Driven
  - GIS mapping
  - Those in need vs. those who shout loudest
  - Intelligence sharing
- Partnership
  - Safer Maidstone Partnership
    - Kent Police/PCSO's
    - KCC Wardens
    - Housing Associations
- Public Reassurance Joint Measure
  - Greater emphasis on partnership



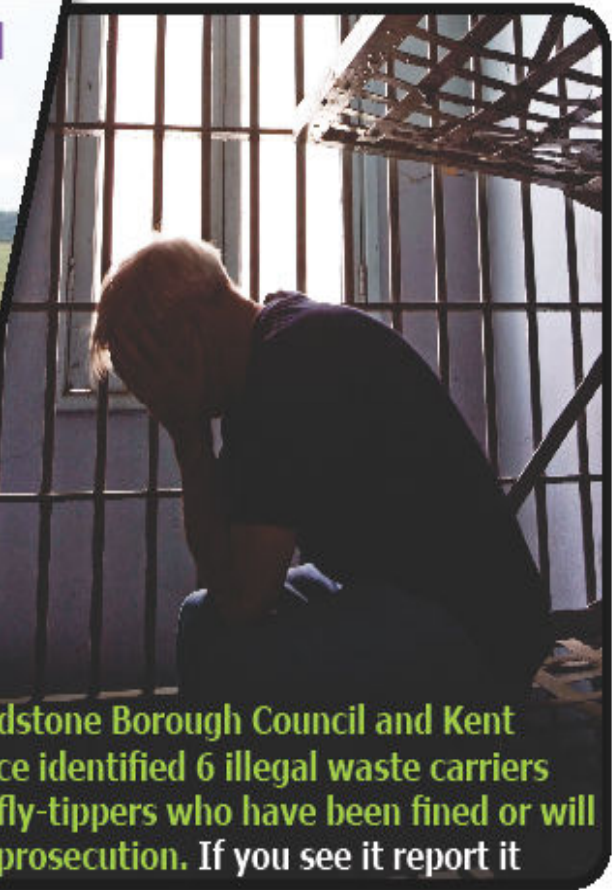
# GIS Mapping Software



# Safer Maidstone Partnership Fly tipping



You were concerned  
about fly-tipping in  
Maidstone Rural



Maidstone Borough Council and Kent Police identified 6 illegal waste carriers and fly-tippers who have been fined or will face prosecution. If you see it report it



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# Safer Maidstone Partnership Noise



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# Plans for 2010

- March 2010
  - Launch of Front Office
- May 2010
  - Dog Fouling Campaign
    - Work in progress
      - Whole week of campaigning in 5+ locations around the borough
      - Stakeholder and perception exercise
      - 1 week education followed by focussed enforcement

# Plans for 2010

- May - July 2010
  - Noise Campaign
    - SMP literature
    - New policy on web
    - Media Campaign
    - Late night noise operations with the police
- July 2010
  - Cigarette Litter
    - Urban campaign
    - Education / Enforcement Patrols
    - Liaison with businesses



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# Plans for 2010

- September 2010
  - Dog Fouling campaign
    - Keep Britain Tidy Partner
    - Implementation of stakeholder ideas
    - More high profile patrols of identified hot spots



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# Thank You

## Any Questions?

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# Dog Fouling

- Estimates put the UK dog population between 6.5 and 7.4 million, producing 1,000 tonnes of faeces every day.
- Most dog owners are responsible and clean up after their pets, but a small minority continue to cause problems
- Exempted land:
  - Carriageways with a speed limit of more than 40 mph
  - Land used for agriculture or woodlands
- Once bagged, dog faeces is considered as litter
- Maidstone Borough Council maintains 350 dog bins and thousands of other bins in the borough
- Parish Councils are starting to buy and maintain their own dog bins

