



<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Dog Fouling Action Plan - Post Mounted Bins Pilot Update</b>
<b>Date:</b>	8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues</b>
1.1	To provide Members with an update on the installation of post-mounted litter bins as part of the Council's Dog Fouling Action Plan, including progress since the May Committee meeting.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
2.1	Members are asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the update on installation progress for post-mounted litter bins.</li> </ul>
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	In May 2026, officers presented an update to the People and Communities Committee on the implementation of the Dog Fouling Action Plan, including the planned installation of post-mounted litter bins at identified hotspot locations. At that time, officers advised that several proposed sites were proving difficult to progress due to Dfl lighting column restrictions, and limited mounting points. Members requested that a further update be brought back to Committee in June.
3.2	Since the May committee meeting , Officers have undertaken additional site assessments, and because of this work, have identified suitable lampposts within all proposed locations. At the time of writing at least one bin has been installed at each location, with the last one due to be installed in the next week. An additional two sites have been added (one following a member's request, and one as a replacement of a previous post mounted bin in former Castlereagh Council area). All sites listed in Appendix A.
3.3	In two instances, whilst attempting to install the post mounted litter bins officers received complaints from residents. In both cases, officers have been able to identify suitable alternative locations, and will continue to monitor their impact as part of the pilot. Should further complaints be received regarding the recently installed bins, officers will consider alternative locations and bin options, should this be required. Members should note that officers have meet with some opposition from residents when attempting to install standard litter bins in residential locations in the past.
3.4	In preparation for the lamp post mounted bin pilot, 20 bins were put on order in September 2025, and were delivered in October 2025.

3.5 In circumstances where a suitable lamppost cannot be used for mounting, officers have obtained indicative costs for installing separate posts to accommodate litter bins. Estimates outline the following:

<b>Installation Type</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Estimated Subtotal (£)</b>
<b>Post in Grass</b>	Includes squad hire for civils works, postcrete, topsoil reinstatement, and minor cultivation/fertilisation	<b>456.42</b>
<b>Post in Bitmac</b>	Includes squad hire for civils works, postcrete, tar reinstatement, and minor uplift	<b>603.10</b>

3.6 These figures represent average installation costs per unit, depending on surface type and reinstatement requirements. The higher cost for bitmac installations reflects the need for tar reinstatement and associated civils work.

3.7 Officers had undertaken benchmarking with other councils to understand their approach to post-mounted litter bins, particularly in relation to dog-fouling reduction. Feedback from neighbouring and comparator councils indicates that post-mounted bins are used in a targeted and limited manner, typically where:

- Footway width prevents installation of a standard freestanding bin
- Additional capacity is required near bus stops, park entrances or linear walking routes

3.8 Benchmarking confirms that deploying post-mounted bins selectively and where technically appropriate is consistent with wider practice. Other Councils emphasised the importance of public messaging such as “any bin will do” for dog waste, reinforcing that post-mounted bins are not a standalone solution but part of a mixed bin estate.

3.9 **Financial and Resource Implications**

Should a separate post mount be required for installation of further post mounted bins, and subject to Dfl approval, the costs outlined in the table above would be incurred. The costs of this pilot has been met within existing budgets.

3.10 **Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessment**

3.11	There are no Equality or Good Relations Implications /Rural Needs Assessments associated with this report. The costs for this pilot can be met from within existing budgets.
<b>4</b>	<b>Appendices</b>
4.1	<b>Appendix A:</b> Streets included in the post mounted bin pilot, as part of the dog fouling action plan.

## Appendix A

Streets included in the post mounted bin pilot, as part of the dog fouling action plan, including two additional sites.

<b>North</b>	Whitewell Road
	Cavehill Road
	Oldpark Road

<b>East</b>	Orby Drive
	Belmont Road
	Clarawood Park
	Cregagh Road
	Beechgrove park

<b>South</b>	Ravenhill Road
	Farnham Street
	Cranmore area
	Ailesbury Drive

<b>West</b>	Clonard Street
	Lenadoon Avenue
	Rockvill Street
	Springfield Road