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Effective information management key to tackling environmental crime

The importance of information management should be recognised for all environmental crimes, according to Northgate Information Solutions.

In a submission to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' consultation on fly-tipping, Northgate welcomed the development of a national fly-tipping database as a means of obtaining a national 'picture' of the issue, but called for its extension to all environmental crime.

The submission also stresses the importance of sharing this information between local authorities, the Environment Agency and other partner organisations as a means of developing holistic strategies focused on prevention and fair enforcement.

Speaking today, David Meaden, Managing Director of Northgate Public Services, said:

"We welcome the consultation's focus on developing effective information systems to tackle this important issue. We would like to see this principle extended to all environmental crime, reducing bureaucracy and enabling public authorities to take informed decisions that focus on prevention.

"Effective information sharing between all relevant agencies is crucial. All too often citizens are let down by public authorities' failure to share information properly and any new system should address this issue as a matter of priority."

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Notes to editors

1. Northgate is a technology services company with a difference. It is committed to high quality public services and understands the public sector. That knowledge is core to its business.
2. Northgate's task is to enhance public sector value through intelligent use of people and information technology systems and to share in the economic and social benefits that this brings.
3. Northgate assists local authorities and the police to promote community well-being by helping them provide citizens with accessible and responsive one-stop services.