

NEWS RELEASE



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Northgate welcomes Defra's holistic approach

Welcoming Defra's proposals to extend the penalty notice system to deliver Clean Neighbourhoods, Northgate Information Solutions today called on the government to introduce a new law to guarantee fair enforcement.

Submitting a response to the consultation, David Meaden, Managing Director of Northgate Public Services, said:

"We warmly welcome Defra's fresh approach to tackling environmental crime. For far too long these crimes have been committed but nothing done, leaving the community as the victim.

"As penalty notices are increasingly forming part of our overall justice system, it is vital that there are coordinated and comprehensive procedures governing their use. There is now a strong case for government to consider legislating to that effect."

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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. Northgate is a leading provider of penalty notice enforcement systems.