

Northamptonshire woman fined after north London waste crime

A Northamptonshire woman has been convicted for allowing her vehicle to be used in the illegal dumping of waste in Edmonton.

Kathleen Stokes, 41, previously of Dun Roamin Park, Whitfield, Brackley, appeared at Highbury Corner magistrates' court on 28 September 2020 for knowingly causing the dumping of waste on Stonehill Business Park, Edmonton. Stokes had no permit or exemption in place for allowing such activity.

The Environment Agency prosecuted Stokes as part of Operation Angola – a joint effort by the Environment Agency and other bodies to target gangs of criminals who dump significant amounts of waste across the south east. In this case, investigations around Edmonton revealed Stokes to be the registered owner of a tipper truck used in illegal waste activity.

The court heard how in March 2018, an environmental crime officer attended an illegal encampment at Unit 8, Harbet Road, Edmonton. Several caravans and associated vehicles were seen alongside a large amount of deposited waste.

Whilst on site, a grey tipper truck was seen driving past, filled with wood-type waste. Later the same day, the officer attended Ravenside Retail Park, which is a short distance from Unit 8. Parked up, unoccupied in the Maplins car park, was the same grey tipper truck. A piece of traceable waste was added to the existing waste by the officer, including a handwritten note stating the date and location.

On 18 April 2018, the officer attended Unit 8 again, which, by this time, had been vacated and was unoccupied. It was obvious that further waste had been left since 8 March. The officer recovered from one pile of rubbish the traceable item of waste that encased her handwritten note. This confirmed her suspicions that the load was the same one discovered on the tipper truck the previous month.

Enquiries were made with the DVLA re the ownership of the vehicle. The DVLA advised the Environment Agency that the van had been acquired by Kathleen Stokes, then of Dun Roamin Park, Whitfield, Brackley, and that she remained the registered keeper.

Stephen Sweetlove, area enforcement manager for the Environment Agency, said:

Where a vehicle is used to unlawfully deposit waste, the person in control of the vehicle, or in a position to control it, is deemed criminally liable for the deposit of the waste.

Through the persistent intervention of our officers, the Environment Agency has seen a reduction in the number of offences linked to Operation Angola. Our conviction of Stokes shows we

pursue law-breakers from the crime to the courtroom.

Stokes pleaded guilty to one breach of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, in that a vehicle registered to her was used in the dumping of waste. She was fined £200, and ordered to pay costs of £2,000 and a victim surcharge of £30.

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News story

Product defect recall alert for: Gallifen 200 mg/ml Suspension for Chickens and Pheasants (Vm 30282/4037), Pigfen 200 mg/ml Suspension for Pigs (Vm 30282/4038) by Huvepharma N.V



Pigfen packaging

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We wish to make veterinary surgeons aware that Huvepharma N.V has issued a recall of the following finished products from the UK market:

- Two batches of Gallifen 200 mg/ml Suspension for Use in Drinking Water for Chickens and Pheasants
- Six batches of Pigfen 200 mg/ml Suspension for Use in Drinking Water for Pigs.

Fenbendazole content has been found lower than the agreed specification limit and sediment/caking layer is present on bottom of the bottle. This recall is for the following batches only:

Product	Batch No.	Expiry Date
Gallifen 200mg/ml	19041748008	31/10/2021
Gallifen 200mg/ml	19091748023	30/03/2022
Pigfen 200mg/ml	18061747014	31/12/2020
Pigfen 200mg/ml	18091747020	30/03/2021
Pigfen 200mg/ml	19011747001	31/07/2021
Pigfen 200mg/ml	19031747019	30/09/2021

Huvepharma N.V have contacted wholesale dealers and veterinary surgeons to examine inventory immediately and quarantine products subject to this recall.

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new Homes England Chair

Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick has today (30 September 2020) announced Peter Freeman as the government's chosen candidate for the role of Chair of Homes England, the government's housing delivery body.

Peter, one of the most distinguished figures in the industry is well known for his renowned work to regenerate Kings Cross, with a track record of planning and delivering much needed revival of local areas, creating imaginative economic centres and places people want to visit and live.

As Chair, Peter will transform how Homes England operates, driving the delivery of much needed homes and infrastructure to support economic recovery and help protect the 2.3 million construction jobs, and ensure opportunities are spread across England.

Working with developers of all sizes and supporting emerging innovative ways to build such as modern methods of construction, he will spearhead Homes England's support for more diverse and efficient housebuilding industry.

Homes England will also support the government to lay the foundations to deliver more homes in the future by working in partnership with local areas, offering expert support to councils for more ambitious plans to get more homes built and ensure the supporting infrastructure is also in place.

The decision to appoint Peter Freeman is subject to a pre-appointment scrutiny committee hearing with the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee in October. Should he be successful he will serve a 3-year term in the role.

Housing Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said:

As the visionary behind the revival of Kings Cross, Peter has a track record of world-class regeneration and it is this along with his drive to create places people want to live that makes him a superb candidate to support our ambitious housing agenda.

We will work closely on our shared goal to deliver more homes, of high-quality design and environmental standards, with green spaces and new parks close at hand and tree lined streets are the norm – all as part of creating communities that people want to be a part of.

Peter Freeman said:

Homes England has a vital role to play in improving the lives of all those affected by the housing crisis. If appointed, and working closely with government, I believe we can, and must, deliver on the

promise to provide homes to allow all to experience a better quality of life.

The key is not only in building the necessary quantity, quality and variety of housing, but in creating homes where people can enjoy a real sense of belonging to vibrant communities.

The Chair of Homes England is responsible for providing effective strategic leadership of the agency.

Peter Freeman is also the co-founder and a Non-Executive Director of Argent Group and Chair of Mayfield Market Towns Ltd. His previous roles include:

- Publisher of Freeman Guide to the Property Market
- Non-Executive Director of Land Securities property company
- Non-Executive Director of MEPC property company
- Chair of property industry steering group 'Investment Property Forum'
- Chair of Judging Panel for Home of 2030 competition
- Awarded CBE in recognition of his services to housing and communities
- Principle author of industry report 'Housing Sprint'

Should Peter Freeman be confirmed as Chair of Homes England, he plans to step down from his role as Chair of Mayfield Market Towns to avoid any perceived conflict of interest.

Homes England is the government's housing accelerator, with responsibilities including:

- unlocking public and private land for development where the market cannot do it alone
- ensuring a range of investment products are available to support housebuilding and infrastructure, including more affordable housing and homes for rent through the government's new affordable homes programme
- improving construction productivity through increased use of modern methods of construction
- creating a more competitive and sustainable market by supporting smaller builders and new entrants, and promoting better design and higher quality homes
- offering expert support to local authorities for priority locations to support more ambitious plans to get more homes built
- delivering government-backed financial products including Help to Buy to increase home ownership

[DIO completes new homes for forces](#)

families in Cyprus

News story

DIO handed over new service family accommodation (SFA) at RAF Akrotiri in a special ceremony earlier this month.



New seismically compliant homes for service families at RAF Akrotiri. MOD Crown Copyright 2020.

The Commander British Forces Cyprus (BFC) was in attendance at the Cyprus base and was given a short tour of the site prior to the handover of the properties from DIO and the local supply chain.

The £10-million project has delivered 26 SFA homes for service personnel and their families, replacing homes that are no longer fit for purpose. The works included the demolition of eight existing SFA homes to create Brownfield sites and associated design works to bring existing designs up to current regulatory standards. The houses were constructed on three separate construction sites with a small number of construction workers on each site.

The new homes are seismically compliant and served as a 'test bed' to the UK Strategic Command (UKSC) / BFC-wide Seismic Compliance Programme. The project is seen as an exemplar and will help guide the next two phases of construction and design development respectively. Cyprus is in a seismically active region of the world and the country's government requires all property to be built in accordance with strict anti-seismic regulations.

The project team was praised for its response to the COVID-19 situation. The team which includes contractors Iacovou Brothers and Ramboll UK implemented COVID-19 safety measures quickly which meant the project was able to continue with little delay.

Chris Wood, DIO Project Manager, said:

DIO is pleased to be able to deliver this industry-recognised project to service personnel and their families at RAF Akrotiri.

The base and the work that takes place there is incredibly important and it is equally important that those living and working there have good quality, fit for purpose accommodation.

Following the One Team approach with all colleagues has truly paid dividends. UKSC, BFC and the project team's response to the Covid pandemic has truly shown the benefits of collaboration and team work.

Major General Robert Thomson, Commander British Forces Cyprus, said:

BFC is extremely happy with the quality of the houses delivered and the project team's response to the Covid pandemic.

Paul Stubbs, Director, Ramboll UK said:

Ramboll is extremely proud to have been at the heart of a collaborative team which has resolved issues as they have arisen, ultimately improving the living and working environment for our armed forces and civil servants in Cyprus.

RAF Akrotiri is an extremely busy Permanent Joint Operating Base that supports ongoing operations in the region as well as support for the Sovereign Base Areas on Cyprus. It is used as a forward mounting base for overseas operations in the Middle East and for fast jet training.

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