Causes of littering and fly-tipping

**Small scale**
Individuals throwing litter out of car windows and dropping litter after a picnic and BBQ

**Large scale**
- Restaurants, supermarkets, shops and fast food
- Business and industrial waste e.g. bricks
- Some companies charge to remove waste then dump it illegally (fly-tipping)

**Indirect**
- Blown out of bins by the wind
- Pulled out of bins and spread by wildlife e.g. seagulls
Consequences of littering and fly-tipping

### Environmental
- Dangerous to wildlife
- Can cause damage to the environment e.g. cigarette butts causing grass fires
- Litter can be blown into rivers and carried to the sea

### Economic
- Litter and fly-tipping clean up and disposal costs
- Impacts on local businesses if people start to avoid the area
- Impact on tourism and the potential for growth in an area
- Can reduce property prices

### Social
- Can increase health problems
- Impacts on a community’s sense of well-being
- Can encourage crime and anti-social behaviour
Combating littering and fly-tipping

**Legal**
- Fly-tipping Action Wales tackles the illegal dumping of waste
- Local authorities and police can issue Fixed Penalty Notices up to £150 for littering

**Education / Awareness**
- Funded programmes such as Eco-schools
- Initiatives such as Tidy Towns aim to empower people to take responsibility for their local environment
- Knowing where and how you can re-use and recycle e.g. free-cycle, up-cycling, charities and organisations that collect unwanted items

**Reduce – Reuse – Recycle**
- Local provisions e.g. bins in suitable locations, recycling centres, household collections
- Litter has a value when reused or recycled and can be turned into new products and packaging
- Recycling reduces impact on natural resources as less raw materials are required
**Challenge Cards**

1. **Can you think of any other causes of littering or fly-tipping?**
   - **Challenge:** Your challenge now is to be creative and use natural materials to make a model showing some of the causes of littering and/or fly-tipping. Use the suggestions on the cards you have already collected and add any other ideas you can think of.

2. **Can you think of any other consequences of littering and fly-tipping?**
   - **Challenge:** Your challenge now is to be creative and use natural materials to make a model showing some of the consequences of littering and/or fly-tipping. Use the suggestions on the cards you have already collected and add any other ideas you can think of.

3. **Can you think of any other ways of combating littering and fly-tipping?**
   - **Challenge:** Your challenge now is to be creative and use natural materials to make a model showing some of the ways of combating littering and/or fly-tipping. Use the suggestions on the cards you have already collected and add any other ideas you can think of.