

Motion and Annex 1

Motion: *“We call upon Hertfordshire County to adopt the following procedure for fly-grazing, loose and abandoned horses in Hertfordshire.”*

Annex 1

Members of this Council are aware of the problems relating to fly-grazing, abandoned and loose horses in Hertfordshire. The situation has reached crisis point in many districts. The situation causes many dangers and concerns in the County.

Some examples this year:-

Horses left dead in fields and in site of the Highway for 2 days (RSPCA)

Horses abandoned on public Rights of Way causing problems for walkers and concerns for local residents.

Horses dumped on Public Highways; 4 so far this year (HCC Rights of Way)

Horses escaping from fly-grazed land onto the A414 (200 such incidents this winter):

1. Causing Herts Police to fall below its target to answer 999 calls (due to the volume of calls and the dangers of horses on the Highway)
2. Chaos on the A414 as the road has to be closed.

SSSI sites in the County have fly-grazing horses and owners feel helpless, powerless and concerned to take action, due to lack of guidance and support.

This procedure will assist the County to deal effectively and appropriately with this increasing problem and be a point of reference to guide its residence to the appropriate actions to be taken.