

TDC July 2026 – Report

Reported Fly Issues

Many emails have been received in relation to significant fly numbers across Ardleigh, Little Bromley and Great Bromley. These reports are being followed by the Environmental Health team and various work and actions, including site visits and multi-agency liaison, is ongoing.

A recurring concern raised with me was about the possibility of a link between the bad odour affecting areas within the ward and the number of flies.

As per earlier correspondence with Parish Councils, I raised this specific concern with the Environmental Team requesting investigation. This, along with other, varied possible sources of flies across the villages and wider Tendring area were discussed, at a meeting on 1st July. Attending councillors highlighted several specific resident reports and concerns. The matter is complex with multiple possible causes. Varied questions were asked to Officers around TDC policies, responsibilities, and organisation actions (including multi-agency liaison and site visits).

It was agreed that the Environment Team would provide a written update on the matter which we will be able to share with Parish Councils and inform residents. We expect to receive this update by Monday 6th July.

Environmental Services can be contacted via:-

Email: environmental.services@tendringdc.gov.uk

Joint Ward Visit

As previously reported, I offered our new County Councillor Pat Murray a tour of Ardleigh and Little Bromley. This is taking place today, 2 July.

I aim to show him various development areas, to help raise awareness for local traffic impact concerns, including Tendring Colchester Borders Garden Community, speculative application sites, NSIP sites and haul road routes with the permanent road widening and NG access routes, as well as a drive around a couple of the closer garden community options coming through in Tendring's emerging local plan.

Water safety and drowning prevention resources

The recently published [Royal Lifesaving Society UK's \(RLSS\) child drowning report](#) makes for stark reading and focuses on where risk is greatest amongst young people.

There are a range of resources below to help councils share key information with parents and carers on water safety, and to help prevent drowning cases.

To support stakeholders with their hot weather communications, the UK Health Security Agency has recently updated its communications toolkit for 2026. The material in the toolkit is intended to provide basic health information which can be communicated during hot spells. This year includes some new messaging on staying safe from direct sun.

Webinar:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmiOVaSbnEc>

Toolkits:

<https://rnli.org/safety/float/float-resources>

<https://www.respectthewater.com/campaigns-resources/phone-float-throw>

<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/1qUzlyggxLIHNampMU089P4R-sTBZSr6u>

Resources:

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/Listing/Category/summer-water-safety>

<https://www.rlss.org.uk/listing/category/the-water-safety-code>

<https://nationalwatersafety.org.uk/strategy>

<https://capt.org.uk/drowning/>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/stories/health-and-social-care/first-aid/five-things-to-know-about-drowning-in-open-water>

<https://rnli.org/safety/respect-the-water>

Plan to keep Tendring's food outlets safe approved by council leaders

Residents and visitors across Tendring can be reassured that keeping food outlets safe remains a top priority, after updated plans to maintain high standards were approved by Tendring District Council (TDC) leaders.

TDC's Cabinet has adopted a refreshed Food & Safety Service Plan for 2026–27 alongside a new Enforcement Policy, setting out how the council will inspect, support and regulate food businesses across the district.

The approved plans reflect the latest national guidance and legislation and outline how the council will continue to protect public health while helping local businesses meet required standards.

Councillor Adrian Smith, Portfolio Holder for Environment, said: "People rightly expect that the food they buy and eat in Tendring is safe, whether they are visiting a restaurant, picking up a takeaway or shopping locally.

“These updated plans show the work that goes on behind the scenes to make sure that happens – protecting residents, supporting businesses and maintaining high standards across the district.

“Our teams take a practical, common-sense approach, working with businesses wherever possible, but we will always take action where there are risks to public health.”

The importance of this work is shown by the cases investigated by the council’s Food Safety team each year. During 2025/26, the service received 72 formal notifications of infectious disease, many of them linked to foodborne illness.

While the source is often unknown — and some cases may be linked to travel abroad or food prepared at home — officers investigate to identify any patterns, clusters or possible links to food businesses.

There are around 1,275 food premises across Tendring, all of which fall within the council’s inspection programme, with a significant number of new businesses registering each year, which need to be registered and risk rated accordingly.

Around 80 per cent of food establishments in Tendring hold the top hygiene rating of five, meaning “very good”, while just 21 premises — around 1.65 per cent — are rated zero, where urgent improvement is needed.

The council takes part in the Food Standards Agency’s Food Hygiene Rating Scheme, helping residents make informed choices and encouraging businesses to improve their standards.

The Service Plan covers risk-based inspections, complaints, food sampling, safety alerts and outbreaks.

The updated Enforcement Policy sets out how the council will respond when standards are not met, from advice and guidance through to formal action where needed.

This will ensure that well-run businesses are supported, while firm action can be taken where public health is at risk.

The Food Standards Agency has also praised the council’s progress in improving inspection performance and tackling historic backlogs despite staffing challenges.



Replica RAF Typhoon cockpit and reaction challenge to inspire future STEM careers at Clacton Airshow

Visitors to Clacton Airshow will be able to step aboard a replica Typhoon cockpit and test their reflexes on the RAF's Batak reaction game as part of a hands-on showcase designed to inspire future careers in aviation and science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM).

The RAF Careers Engagement team will be at the event site on West Greensward during the 33rd Clacton Airshow, staged by Tendring District Council (TDC) on Thursday 27 and Friday 28 August, giving people of all ages the chance to learn more about RAF heritage, career opportunities and the next generation of aviation talent.

On the ground, visitors will be able to experience a pilot's-eye view from the seat of one of the RAF's most advanced and manoeuvrable fighter jets through the Typhoon cockpit, while the Batak reaction game will offer a fun, fast-paced challenge testing the reflexes used in high-pressure aviation environments.

The STEM careers theme will also be reflected in the flying programme, with organisers confirming the return of the RAF Grob Tutor T1 – the aircraft used to train the next generation of RAF pilots – which will soar over the Essex Sunshine Coast this summer.

Fully aerobatic and highly manoeuvrable, the Tutor plays a vital role in teaching the fundamentals of military flying and helps show how training, engineering and technical skills come together to support a career in the air.

Squadron Leader Rach Collier, from RAF Recruiting and Selection, said: "As part of the Clacton Airshow, visitors will have a fantastic opportunity to get hands-on with the Royal Air Force.

"They can step aboard a Typhoon cockpit and experience a pilot's-eye view from the seat of one of the RAF's most advanced and manoeuvrable fighter jets.

"For those keen to test their reflexes, the RAF Careers Engagement team will be running the Batak reaction game – a fun and fast-paced challenge for all ages.

"It will be a unique chance to learn more about the RAF's heritage, career opportunities, and the next generation of aviation talent."

Councillor Ivan Henderson, TDC's Cabinet Member for Economic Growth, Regeneration and Tourism, said the Tutor's inclusion highlights the wider purpose of the airshow.

"The Grob Tutor may not be the biggest aircraft in the sky, but it represents something incredibly important – the future of aviation and the next generation of RAF pilots," he said.

"It's fantastic to have it back in the programme, demonstrating the skill, precision and discipline required to take those first steps in a flying career.

“This year’s theme, a ‘Celebration of Aviation’, is also a great opportunity to highlight how flying displays like the Grob Tutor can inspire people to think about careers in STEM and the many different roles that help keep the aviation industry moving.

“Clacton Airshow has always been about more than just spectacular displays – it’s about inspiring people, supporting our local economy and showcasing what’s possible.

“With the Red Arrows, the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and more still to be announced, this is shaping up to be another fantastic event on the Essex Sunshine Coast.”

The Grob 115E, known in RAF service as the Tutor T1, was built specifically for military training and has been used since the early 2000s to provide elementary flying instruction.

Operated by No. 6 Flying Training School, it supports both University Air Squadrons and Air Cadet organisations, offering young people aged 12 to 20 the chance to experience flying and develop valuable life skills.



Clacton Town Hall hosts Armed Forces flag raising in show of support

Tendring District Council (TDC) marked Armed Forces Day with a flag-raising ceremony at Clacton Town Hall on Saturday (27 June), bringing together councillors, members of the Armed Forces community and residents in a show of appreciation for those who serve.

The Armed Forces Day flag was raised by Councillor Carlo Guglielmi, Vice Chairman of TDC, as part of the national Armed Forces Week campaign.

Councillor Carlo Guglielmi said: “It was a real honour to raise the flag on behalf of Tendring residents and to see people come together in Clacton to show their support.

“The ceremony is a simple but important way for us to recognise the dedication, service and sacrifice of those who serve our country.”

Councillor Dan Casey, TDC’s Armed Forces Champion and President of the Clacton branch of the Royal British Legion, added: “Tendring has a proud connection with the Armed Forces, and it is vital that support for veterans, reservists, cadets and service families is visible and meaningful.

“Events like this help ensure those who serve, or have served, know they are valued and supported here in our district.”

The event formed part of Armed Forces Week, a national initiative recognising the contribution of regulars, reservists, veterans and military families.

TDC continues to support the Armed Forces Covenant, ensuring members of the Armed Forces community are treated fairly and are not disadvantaged in accessing council services.



Tendring District Council – Consultations ending this month

There are none

Consultations can be found following this link: [Consultations](#)