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Rat-infested flowerbed in Greenhill Way, Harrow-on-the-Hill, dug up and replanted to deter vermin

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A flowerbed that was infested with “monster” rats has been totally transformed to prevent it from happening again.

The shrubs, in Greenhill Way, Harrow-on-the-Hill, had become a nesting site for rodents, who took advantage of rubbish bags gathered nearby.

A shocking video showing dozens of large rats scurrying over the flowerbed brought the serious issue to the attention of Harrow Council, which has acted decisively to improve the situation.

The entire area was dug up and replanted to deter the vermin, and a number of new, colourful plants have been added.

Cllr Sue Anderson, of Greenhill ward, said she was pleased that the council had reacted well to the previously desperate situation.

She said: “We are delighted with what has been done and hopefully it will have the desired effect.

“It was like a playground for rats, with them jumping over the place, so we’re very pleased with the new flowerbeds.”

The move comes after the council’s plan to double the number of bins around Harrow in a bid to tackle the rubbish crisis. Like the new flowerbed, these bins are “rat-proof”, with heavy, robust bases.

But Cllr Graham Henson, responsible for environment at Harrow Council, warned that it was important to stay on top of the issue in order to resolve the problem of rats in the borough.