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AYLESBURY TODAY

Since its inception, Aylesbury has been controversial and the condition of the Estate throughout the 1980s made it a prime target for those wishing to represent a 'dystopian' setting.

This has led the estate to be featured quite heavily, and almost exclusively negatively, in various forms of media.

Several films and TV programmes have been filmed on the estate, nearly all of which involve gangs, crime and violence whilst news stories covering aspects of the estate are always portrayed in a negative and damning fashion.

The controversial Channel 4 ident which shows a council estate strewn with laundry and litter was created in 2004 and has been airing for the past decade. It was filmed on the estate and has angered many residents who are unhappy at their homes being portrayed in such a manner.

Local residents decided to ban on filming on the estate, a ban which is still in effect today with the exception of a 'response' ident which has been created by the residents to try and show the Estate as it is in actuality. This was broadcast by Channel 4 in March 2014.



Fig 2.6.1 An example of some of the TV programmes and films that have used the estate as a backdrop

Channel 4



Aylesbury Residents

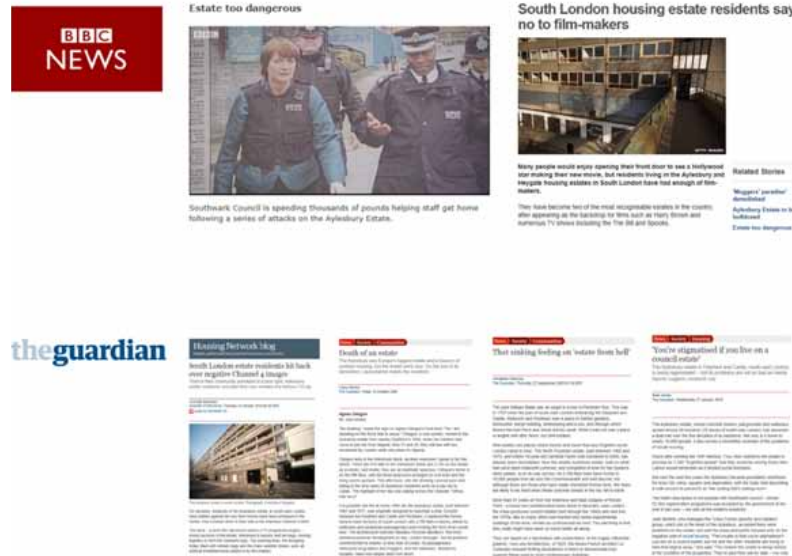


Fig 2.6.2 The infamous Channel 4 ident that has been proving unpopular with residents since its inception in 2004

Fig 2.6.3 The 're-imagined' ident depicting the estate as it is, filmed by residents and being shown on Channel 4 in 2014

Fig 2.6.4 News stories regarding the Aylesbury state in National media - usually in a negative tone