

= Fatboy (EastEnders) =

Arthur " Fatboy " Chubb (also credited as Fat Boy) is a fictional character from the BBC soap opera EastEnders and its Internet spin @-@ off EastEnders : E20 , played by Ricky Norwood . He made his first appearance in EastEnders on 5 January 2010 before appearing in the spin @-@ off . Fatboy is one of four main characters in the first series of E20 and makes cameo appearances in the second and third series . He was created by the EastEnders : E20 writing team during a BBC summer school in August 2009 . He frequently uses London street slang and is described as brash , confident , caring , a hustler and a womaniser . Critics have called him zany , an asset to the show , authentic , a cliché , and yet to serve a purpose , with Stuart Heritage from The Guardian calling for him to be axed . Norwood won the Best Newcomer award at the 2010 Inside Soap Awards and Most Popular Newcomer at the 2011 National Television Awards for his portrayal of Fatboy , and has been nominated for two further awards . In 2014 , Norwood was temporarily suspended from the soap for two months after a tape of improper conduct involving Norwood leaked onto the internet . In November 2015 , the character lost his nickname and was simply credited as Arthur Chubb from 20 November onwards .

On 16 October 2015 , it was announced that Norwood was to leave EastEnders at the end of his contract . Details of when or how Fatboy would leave were not revealed but Norwood filmed his final scenes later that month . He departed on 24 December 2015 , but was killed off @-@ screen in the next episode .

= = Storylines = =

Fatboy first appears in EastEnders at Lucy Beale 's (Melissa Suffield) party , where he gets pleasure from watching a fight between two girls , and asks other girls to play Twister with him but nobody will . In EastEnders : E20 , he helps his friend Mercy Olubunmi (Bunmi Mojekwu) with a project to encourage more young people to the church , but his ideas leave them both humiliated . They meet Leon Small (Sam Attwater) and Zsa Zsa Carter (Emer Kenny) and start squatting in a flat . Fatboy tells Zsa Zsa and Leon both his parents were killed in a drive @-@ by shooting . He finds out Mercy is pregnant and accuses Leon of being the father . During an argument , Mercy reveals that Fatboy 's parents are alive , angering Zsa Zsa , who throws Fatboy 's laptop out of the window . On their last night in the flat , he arranges a party but leaves before the police arrive . Knowing they can no longer stay there , he invites Zsa Zsa , Mercy and Leon to stay at his house in Wanstead , but Mercy decides to go home to her grandmother .

After several weeks , Leon and Fatboy return to Walford to look for Zsa Zsa , who has run away . They eventually settle in and make new friends . Zsa Zsa finds three dates for Fatboy , but none of them are genuine . Fatboy borrows Darren Miller 's (Charlie G. Hawkins) ice cream van to practice for his driving test , which he fails , but he buys the van from Darren . He helps Whitney Dean (Shona McGarty) sell T @-@ shirts but sells them to Mo Harris (Laila Morse) , who has been asked by Becca Swanson (Simone James) to buy them so she can sell them for a greater profit . Becca insists she did not know they were Whitney 's and then flirts with Fatboy . However , he later humiliates her by designing T @-@ shirts for her that show a mirror image of the word " chav " . He finally passes his driving test and DJs for Ronnie Mitchell (Samantha Womack) at R & R nightclub . Fatboy , Leon , Zsa Zsa , Whitney , Lucy and Lucy 's brother Peter (Thomas Law) go to Hampshire and he attends a party with Peter while the others spend time in the woods . He is reunited with Mercy but a fight breaks out so they escape and drive back to Fatboy 's uncle 's home . Peter hits something with the van and the next day they fear it was Leon , as he is missing . However , Leon turns up and they realise Lucy wanted to turn everyone against him , so they play a trick on her in revenge . Fatboy is then shocked to discover that Mercy is planning to move back to Nigeria . He realises that neither Mercy nor her grandmother Grace (Ellen Thomas) want to leave London , and convinces them to stay .

During a party at the community centre , Fatboy smuggles in alcohol and kisses Denise Fox (Diane Parish) , angering her husband Lucas (Don Gilet) , who throws Fatboy out and begins angrily

preaching to him . This causes Fatboy to argue with Mercy . During the argument , Mercy pushes him and he falls onto a tree in the Square 's gardens planted in memory of Lucas 's ex @-@ wife Trina (Sharon Duncan Brewster) , snapping it . Fatboy enlists the help of Mercy , Leon and Zsa Zsa to replace it , but as they dig it up , they uncover a dead body , that of Denise 's ex @-@ husband Owen Turner (Lee Ross) , who Lucas murdered eight months previously . The next day , Fatboy comforts Mercy and to cheer her up , they play rounders . However , they smash Dot Branning 's (June Brown) window and she makes Fatboy fix it . He does a bad job so she insists he pay for a professional , asking Fatboy to wait in her house for the professional to arrive . While he waits , he plays dominoes with Dot 's husband Jim (John Bardon) and when Dot returns , she is impressed with Fatboy 's politeness when he offers to clean the new window and make her a cup of tea .

Leon obtains two tickets to a music festival in France and plans to take Zsa Zsa , but he tells Fatboy he slept with Glenda Mitchell (Glynis Barber) , leaving Fatboy unsure of what to do as he does not want to hurt Zsa Zsa . He tells Mercy , who then tells Zsa Zsa , who dumps Leon and takes Fatboy 's van to France . Leon decides to go to France anyway , leaving Fatboy sad at the loss of two of his best friends , however , Leon and Fatboy stay in contact . He joins the local church choir but fears he will be unable to perform at their event as he felt pressured into joining by Dot and cannot sing very well . Mercy tells him he should just mime , but then Dot and the choir leader Edward Bishop (Frank Barrie) decide to give Fatboy a solo . Fatboy is unable to go through with it and walks out of the performance , so Kim Fox (Tameka Empson) takes over . At a New Year 's Eve party , Fatboy kisses Mercy to put Kim off flirting with him .

Fatboy gets a month 's trial on the market with his own stall , starting a repair business . He reveals that his father , Ashley Chubb (Colin Mace) , has lost his job and his parents have split up . Ashley arrives in Walford , asking for his son 's help , as he has spent Fatboy 's inheritance on alcohol . Ashley then moves into Albert Square . Fatboy grows jealous when he sees Mercy with Seb Parker (Tommy Bastow) , and assumes they are having sex . Mercy reveals she may face exportation as her visa has expired , and Fatboy tells Ashley he is in love with Mercy . Ashley reports Mercy to the UK Border Agency so that Fatboy will forget about her , and she decides to leave before she has been asked to . Fatboy and Mercy say an emotional goodbye , but Fatboy stops her taxi and proposes marriage , realising she can stay in the country if they are married . Mercy agrees but Grace is opposed to the plan until she realises that Fatboy loves Mercy . Kim points out that Fatboy seems embarrassed about getting married and that Mercy does not seem to love him , and admits to fancying Fatboy . Fatboy then tells Kim why he is really marrying Mercy , but also that he wants to be married for real .

Mercy learns that she can stay in the UK but feels guilty about the deception , so decides to go back to Nigeria anyway . Fatboy loses his market stall but gets a job selling cars for Max Branning (Jake Wood) . He discovers Mercy is leaving , so tries to stop her from leaving but is unable to , and they say an emotional goodbye . Fatboy is distraught over his loss , and eventually decides to move in with Dot . He helps Dot to track down her half sister Rose Cotton (Polly Perkins) and helps Whitney when her former pimp , Rob Grayson (Jody Latham) tracks her down . Fatboy feels put out when Rose and Cora Cross (Ann Mitchell) both move in with Dot . Mercy 's sister Faith Olubunmi (Modupe Adeyeye) then arrives in Walford to tell Fatboy that Mercy has had their marriage annulled . Fatboy starts a relationship with Faith (as seen in series 3 of EastEnders : E20) but it soon ends . Following this , Fatboy develops feelings for his friend Whitney Dean (Shona McGarty) , though Whitney is involved with Tyler Moon (Tony Discipline) . When Whitney and Tyler 's relationship breaks down , Fatboy admits his feelings for Whitney and the pair start a relationship . Fatboy buys a car for Whitney , but she is initially angry , saying she doesn 't want to be owned . However , Whitney relents and accepts the gift . Fatboy notices that Tyler continues to want Whitney , and so warns him off . However , after Whitney gets angry at Lucy (now Hetti Bywater) for dancing with Fatboy , Lucy convinces Tyler to talk to her . They accidentally get locked in a bathroom and Fatboy assumes Whitney has cheated on him , so ends the relationship . Fatboy later visits Tyler , who shows Fatboy that the bathroom door sticks , and Tyler says that he is happy for Fatboy and Whitney as a couple . However , Whitney soon feels smothered by Fatboy 's

affection , and when he is about to take Whitney away on holiday , she refuses , and when they kiss she says it is like kissing a friend . She admits that she wants Tyler , and Fatboy is heartbroken . He later punches Tyler . He then becomes a regular DJ at R & R , and gets a job at the local fast food restaurant , McKlunkies . However , he is sacked when he stands up to his manager , Nico Papadopoulos (Aykut Hilmi) after taking advice from Alfie Moon (Shane Richie) . Alfie feels bad so offers Fatboy a job at The Queen Victoria public house , collecting glasses .

When Denise Fox (Diane Parish) gets unwanted attention from a man at a party , Fatboy defends her and they end up having sex after Fatboy escorts her home . The next morning , an embarrassed Denise tells him it was a mistake , but he cannot stop thinking about her , and eventually plucks up the courage to go to her house , where she is unable to resist him . However , the relationship ends , and Fatboy then starts a relationship with Poppy Meadow (Rachel Bright) after they realise they have feelings for one another . Fatboy is forced out of his home but allows Joey Branning (David Witts) to move in with Poppy instead of asking to move in himself . Eventually , Fatboy and Poppy both go to lodge with their friend , Dot . Dot is suspicious when food starts going missing and it is later revealed that Fatboy is a sleepwalker . Poppy suspects Fatboy of having an affair when she sees text messages from " Chloe " (Siobhan Athwal) and then sees them together , and prepares to leave , but Fatboy reveals that she is his colleague and he has started working at McKlunkies again .

Fatboy and Poppy 's relationship turns sour when Poppy suggests that they should buy a house together . Fatboy eventually pulls himself together and tells her that they haven 't been together long enough yet . She then ends their relationship and Fatboy moves in with Tamwar . Fatboy later suggests to Poppy that they rent a flat to begin with and take it from there . The couple reunite with a romantic kiss . However , when Denise feels uncomfortable with the way her new fiancée Ian Beale (Adam Woodyatt) is currently treating her , she gets comfort from Fatboy and the pair are unable to resist each other . When Poppy finds out that they shared a kiss , they realise that they are not right for each other and Poppy returns to go and live with her mum . Upset by the couple 's break @-@ up , Fatboy gently tells Dot that her and Poppy are still friends . He supports Dot when he learns that her son Nick Cotton (John Altman) dies and is surprised by the arrival of her estranged grandson , Charlie Cotton (Declan Bennett) . When Fatboy is told that he is no longer needed at The Queen Vic , he accepts a job at Ian 's restaurant as a waiter . Denise feels awkward and confesses the truth to Ian , but doesn 't mention Fatboy 's name . Fatboy spends time away from Walford caring for his uncle when he falls ill , and , on his return , Dot suggests that he finds a new place to live , due to Charlie moving in with her and her only being allowed one lodger by council regulations . When Charlie 's son is born , Fatboy is unsuccessful in persuading Charlie to take the baby home . He follows Charlie home and discovers that Nick is alive . When Charlie later moves out , Fatboy moves back in with Dot . On Ladies ' Night at the Vic , Fatboy consoles Denise when their kiss during the engagement party is revealed . Tina visits Sonia Fowler (Natalie Cassidy) to find Fatboy with her .

Fatboy begins running the car lot when Charlie leaves Walford . His friendship with Donna Yates (Lisa Hammond) grows and they have a one @-@ night stand , but , feeling it is making their friendship weird , he rejects her afterwards despite her thinking she might have deeper feelings for him . Things between them are awkward , and when Donna 's foster brother Vincent Hubbard (Richard Blackwood) finds out , he confronts Fatboy and locks him a cupboard . He returns the next day to find that Fatboy has not been discovered , and from how scared Fatboy is , realises something is wrong . Fatboy opens up about the fact his mother used to lock him up for extended periods of time , which led to him assuming the comedic persona of ' Fatboy ' . Vincent convinces him to use his real name , Arthur , again , and gives him a job as DJ at his bar The Albert as long as he no longer puts on a false persona , starting with admitting to Donna that he will now be showing his true self to her . Over the coming weeks , Fatboy gets tangled in Vincent 's vendetta against the Mitchell family and trying to kill Phil Mitchell (Steve McFadden) . Fatboy repeatedly tries to convince Vincent to stop , and interrupts Vincent when as he is about to throttle Phil . Fed up with his interference , Vincent threatens Fatboy with violence against Dot if he does not leave Walford forever . Fatboy tells Dot that he is going to see his father for Christmas , and shares a final dinner

with her before saying goodbye . He confronts Vincent one last time , demanding that he stay away from Dot , and leaves Walford .

The next day , Vincent discovers Ronnie planned to have him killed and crushed in a car , but asked for the car 's driver to be killed , assuming it would be Vincent , but Vincent finds the car and discovers Fatboy is dead . It is later revealed that Vincent 's mother , Claudette Hubbard (Ellen Thomas) , knew that Vincent would be killed if he was driving , so sent Fatboy instead .

= = Creation and development = =

Fatboy is one of four characters created for the first series of the EastEnders online spin @-@ off EastEnders : E20 who also appear in the main show , along with Zsa Zsa , Leon and Mercy . Fatboy , along with the other characters from E20 , was created by the show 's thirteen writers during a summer school run by the BBC in August 2009 . Open auditions for the cast were held at Theatre Royal Stratford East . Norwood 's casting was announced on 25 November 2009 , on which he said " I am so excited to be on the show . It 's an honour to now be part of a show that has been on in my house for as long as I have been alive . I am born and bred in the East End ? a stone 's throw from the real Albert Square . It feels like a homecoming . I love being part of a cast that feels like family and can 't wait to have a scene in The Vic . " Kenny , who was also one of the writers , said a character like Fatboy would not have appeared in EastEnders had he not been written by young people . Norwood stated in 2013 that being from east London and playing a character from east London meant that he could " bring the truth to that character from the knowledge I have . [I can] try and bring the truth out of that instead of doing it from an outside perspective . "

Although his co @-@ stars Attwater and Kenny were axed from the cast in May 2010 , Norwood revealed his contract had been extended to December 2010 , saying that the producers saw " some future in Fatboy " . In January 2011 it was reported that due to the character 's popularity , producers were planning to expand Fatboy 's family and were in the process of casting his father , Ashley Chubb . An EastEnders insider is reported to have said " Fatboy has been a real hit with viewers and the bosses have decided that it 's now time to bring in his dad so people can see what Fatboy is really all about . " Norwood 's contract was once again renewed in late 2013 for another year , by the new executive producer Dominic Treadwell @-@ Collins , who promised " juicy storylines " for the character . One source from the programme said " Fatboy is a popular character and appeals to all ages . He 's not had a decent storyline for a while but always provides much @-@ needed humour in Albert Square . [...] He ? s got some good stuff coming up and is an important member of the cast . "

= = = Characterisation = = =

When the character was announced , he was described as a hustler who sees everything as an opportunity , and has created several personas since the age of seven to hide his real self . Norwood expanded on this , saying " when he was in school and the register was being read out and it got to his name it would be ' Chubb ! ' and all the kids in school would start taking the mickey out of it . What he did was create something even more ridiculous to take away from that . He took the mickey out of himself and took the power away from those that were taking the mickey out of him . [...] For the same reason most kids put on a front , it 's to protect himself from the world . He doesn 't like his real name so he tried to create something that would get away from that and Fatboy was that creation . The street and the slang stuff is not something that is far away from him , it is still from the area that he lives in . Fatboy was someone he adopted to put a brave face on , to put a mask on himself , to protect Arthur from the world . " Before adopting the " Fatboy " persona , he would adopt personas of men he saw on television , and Norwood said Fatboy was " an awkward kind of child " . Fatboy comes from a wealthy background , and gets what he wants from his parents , with whom he has a good relationship , but hustles to hide the fact . He often wears clothing brand Ed Hardy , and his speech has , according to Norwood , a " unique rhythm " . Norwood is able to make viable changes to the script to make it sound more authentic .

Norwood said the character 's introduction was " trying to bring the street to Albert Square " and that the street slang the character uses is what he grew up with himself . He described the character in an interview with entertainment website Digital Spy as " [wanting] to be a gangsta at times , a caring person , a player , a womaniser , the businessman ... There are so many things that he wants to be and that shifts depending on the situation , " adding that he is quick to solve problems and always has a plan . Additionally , a profile for the character on the official EastEnders website calls him brash , a wheeler @-@ dealer , confident and a loveable soft @-@ touch .

Norwood said in January 2011 that Fatboy has developed over time and is continuing to develop , with more sides to his personality being shown . Fatboy 's caring side is shown in several EastEnders scenes , most notably his friendship with Dot , and a scene where Fatboy and Mercy bring a cake to Kat Moon (Jessie Wallace) after her child dies of cot death . Although Norwood said in January 2011 that Fatboy will always be a joker , he felt it was good to show Fatboy 's softer , more intelligent side , saying that the character 's " street " side drops quickly when he is around Dot and Mercy . Norwood said that Fatboy wants to improve himself , but fears that showing his caring side in London will get him beaten up .

= = = Relationship with Mercy Olubunmi = = =

In April 2011 , Mercy faces deportation to Nigeria , and Fatboy plans to save her by proposing . Norwood revealed that Mercy is shocked by the proposal , adding " Mercy thinks he 's lost his marbles , but soon comes round to the idea . Fatboy reckons that this isn 't about his feelings , it 's all about keeping her in the UK . Of course , he 's also hoping that if she stays , maybe she 'll end up liking him in the way he likes her . [...] You can get into a lot of trouble for [trying to fool immigration officials] , [b] ut all Fatboy can think is , ' How can I save Mercy ? ' She 's the girl he loves . " Although Fatboy is in love with Mercy , he does not believe that Mercy sees him as more than a friend and may call off the wedding if he tells her . He does not think of the consequences , such as imprisonment . Norwood revealed that Fatboy has known Mercy since they were nine years old and he had feelings for her when EastEnders : E20 started , as he was upset when she got pregnant by someone else . He said that Fatboy would be heartbroken when Mercy leaves . Norwood told Inside Soap that the wedding creates more problems for the characters , rather than solving all their problems . The fact that they try so hard to prove they are genuine makes it " very hard for them to be friends . " The wedding episode sees Fatboy have a dream come true , but at the same time it is a nightmare for him . Knowing the wedding is a sham he is " waiting for that monster to appear " . Ashley turns up and is annoyed that Fatboy has kept the wedding a secret , and of this , Norwood stated : " When [Ashley] finds out what has happened he is pretty shocked . He tries to make Fatboy see the consequences of his actions , but Fatboy doesn 't want to hear it ? his dad has already betrayed him when it comes to Mercy . " Mercy is shocked to learn that Fatboy did not tell her that Ashley reported her . Although Norwood concluded that Fatboy " will go to the ends of the earth to make this marriage work " .

= = = Relationship with Denise Fox = = =

In October 2012 , it was confirmed by Daniel Kilkelly that a new storyline would see Denise Fox (Diane Parish) and Fatboy spend the night together after he rescues her when she gets unwanted attention from a man . Norwood , who plays Fatboy , told Inside Soap , " Right now , I don 't think Fatboy is looking for love - but he 's happy to be swept off his feet by Denise , who 's this hot older woman he never imagined he could be with . " Denise is a scorching woman - she 's got a dynamite body and a beautiful smile . She 's way out of his league , but there is a lot of chemistry between them . I think they 'd make a really good couple . That would be cool . Fatboy may be young , but he 's got an old soul and he 's not just some young boy messing about . There is potential there if Denise could see it , but because of the age thing , I think she might worry that people were saying things about her . Right now , she 's just enjoying herself . " Norwood added that while the pair 's relationship was sexual , a serious future for them could be possible . They met for an afternoon of

passion on 16 October 2012 but ended the affair a few days later when Denise told him that she will think of it as a ' great memory ' . In January 2014 , Denise and Fatboy kiss passionately during her engagement party to Ian Beale in The Queen Victoria .

= = = Relationship with Poppy Meadow = = =

In November 2012 , Fatboy starts a relationship with his friend Poppy Meadow (Rachel Bright) . This was teased by executive producer Lorraine Newman when it was announced Poppy was to become a full @-@ time character . She said , " We 'll see Poppy become involved in a relationship very soon , which is progressing very well in the material we 're working on at the moment . " Digital Spy said of the relationship that " viewers will have to wait and see who she falls for and how things pan out as the new plot develops " . It was confirmed that Fatboy would be Poppy 's new relationship when they kiss in 22 November 's episode . The pair " grow close " after Poppy 's sister Tansy Meadow Daisy Wood @-@ Davis visits and Fatboy acts as Poppy 's " high @-@ flying " businessman boyfriend to help Poppy look good in front of Tansy . Bright said of the relationship : " It 's really sweet . I don 't think Poppy or Fatboy realised they liked each other as they 've been friends for a while . She 's unsure at first because she doesn 't want to ruin a friendship . She 's also been unlucky in love , so she 's a little bit wary . But I think she can trust Fatboy . I think the pair of them need love . "

In December 2012 , it was announced that Fatboy and Poppy would have a BBC Red Button special episode , after Poppy decides to spend Christmas with Fatboy . The story continues on the Red Button . Bright said , " Poppy spends the day with Fatboy . She is under pressure to go back to her family , but realises she doesn 't want that . [She] and Fatboy have a romantic day , but you don 't see anything on screen [in the Christmas episode] because it is dominated by the Brannings . There will be an interactive section where viewers can press the red button and see a ten @-@ minute film of how Poppy and Fatboy spent their day . "

In January 2013 , Norwood told Amy Duncan from Metro that the relationship with Poppy was " needed for Fatboy " as he had so far been unlucky in love and " to find somebody that liked him as much as he liked her has been a great boost for him and it 's definitely put an extra spring in his step . " He noted a comedy aspect of their relationship , calling it " quite sweet " and " funny " . He opined that it would be " excellent " if they were to marry , saying their wedding would be " crazy " .

= = = Departure = = =

On 16 October 2015 , it was announced Norwood had been axed from EastEnders after nearly six years in the role of Fatboy , after show bosses chose to write the character out . It was revealed that Norwood would be filming his final scenes in the upcoming weeks and producers had chosen to keep details surrounding Fatboy 's exit under wraps . A show spokesperson said : " We can confirm that Ricky will be leaving EastEnders . We wish him all the best for the future " whilst a show insider commented : " Ricky is a great guy and very popular on set . He 's leaving the show as it 's the end of Fatboy 's storyline , but everyone wishes him well for the future . " Fatboy 's last appearance was on 24 December 2015 .

On 7 December 2015 , the show 's executive producer , Dominic Treadwell @-@ Collins , said that " Someone will die on Christmas Day that we haven 't revealed to anyone , so that will be a surprise . " This turned out to be Fatboy , who died in a case of mistaken identity in the episode shown on 26 December 2015 . This was not well @-@ received by fans and many set up petitions to bring the character back .

= = Other appearances = =

Fatboy appears in extra content on the official EastEnders : E20 website . In one video , Fatboy gives his top ten tips for surviving life in Albert Square . Another features him recording a video on his mobile phone for Mercy , in which he admits he once thought he would end up in a romantic

relationship with her . In other videos , he is filmed on a webcam singing along to the Destiny 's Child hit " Bootylicious " and catches Leon posing , threatening to post the video on the Internet . In August 2010 , an official account on the social networking site Twitter was created for Fatboy , along with three characters from series 2 of EastEnders : E20 . Posts on Twitter revealed Fatboy has sold a fake ID to Naz Mehmet (Emaa Hussien) but the photo looked nothing like her and the age was wrong .

Fatboy makes cameo appearances in series 2 of E20 , where his argument with Naz continues in episode 1 , and she steals back her money . Fatboy attends a dance audition , and witnesses Asher Levi (Heshima Thompson) bribing Skolla (Tony Adigun) to let Asher 's brother Sol (Tosin Cole) through even though he failed his audition . Asher threatens Fatboy with a knife , telling him that he saw nothing . In episode 5 Fatboy attends callbacks for the dance group , and in episode 7 , he dances with the group again and helps break up a fight between Asher and Sol . In episode 10 , Fatboy attends the dance @-@ off between Skolla 's crew and Flawless . He also appears in series 3 . In episode 1 , when Faith Olubunmi is homeless , she asks Fatboy if she can stay with him but he refuses .

Fatboy also appears in " East Street " , a charity crossover episode between EastEnders and Coronation Street , broadcast on 19 November 2010 as part of the BBC One telethon for the children 's charity Children in Need . In the non @-@ canon episode , Fatboy is in Walford 's café while Denise Johnson and Gail McIntyre (Helen Worth) from Coronation Street argue over their similar storylines . Fatboy says Gail is the winner after saying she has been in prison . He also appears in scenes in The Queen Victoria .

In " All I Want for Christmas " , a mini @-@ episode shown on the BBC Red Button service on 27 December 2012 , Fatboy appears with his girlfriend Poppy , in which they are shown getting drunk on Christmas Eve , and having dinner on Christmas Day . Poppy is sick with food poisoning the next day , so Fatboy leaves her to look after herself . The next she is well again and Fatboy makes it clear that he wants sex with Poppy , as it would be their first time together . Poppy decides to spend the rest of Christmas with her family , and while she is gone , Fatboy buys food and gifts , but gives them to a homeless man who tells him Christmas is about love , not material things . As Poppy is about to leave with her sister Tansy Meadow (Daisy Wood @-@ Davis) , Fatboy stops the car . He later tells her he wants to wait to have sex with her and says he loves her , and she says it back to him .

Fatboy also appears in the third episode of the online spin @-@ off Tamwar Tales ? The Life of an Assistant Market Inspector , titled " Fatboy " , which was first shown on 8 August 2013 . In the episode , Tamwar Masood (Himesh Patel) tries to get Fatboy to turn his music down but they end up doing the Harlem Shake . Their full Harlem Shake dance was also posted online separately , prior to the spin @-@ off .

= = Reception = =

In April 2010 , six main characters were axed from EastEnders by executive producer Bryan Kirkwood . Fatboy was not one of them , but Stuart Heritage from The Guardian felt that he should have been , calling him " A wodge of irritating comic relief [...] who is yet to serve a purpose other than making me genuinely dislike young people . [...] He must go , preferably in a scene where he falls down the world 's largest flight of stairs . " Heritage later called Fatboy an " obnoxiously two @-@ dimensional dubstep @-@ fixated stock [character] transparently modelled on Jar Jar Binks . " A writer for the website Watch With Mothers called the character an asset to EastEnders , expressing pleasure that the show was trying to appeal to younger viewers , while another called him irritating and zany . A writer for The Northern Echo wondered if Fatboy , along with Leon and Zsa Zsa , brought a new injection of life into the soap or took away screen time from more established characters , and Caroline Fitton , writing for the Daily Mail , felt that Fatboy 's style of talking was a bit of a cliché . Grace Dent from The Guardian changed her opinion of Fatboy over time , saying :

Fatboy has won my heart . What began as horrified staring at this huge , bug @-@ eyed child in a

fluoro Ed Hardy hoodie , the Venn diagram meeting point of Jar Jar Binks and Dappy from N @-@ Dubz , has now shifted to deep love . I love Fatboy 's " wheels " , ie a retired , graffiti @-@ splattered ice @-@ cream van . I love his simple approach to life : making money , " checkin out batty " , eating jollof rice . Get rich or die trying (though by " die " , I really mean " get sulked at by Dot Branning and refused a last @-@ minute service wash ") . I love how much Fatboy infuriates old @-@ fart viewers with the uncomfortable truth that he 's actually quite authentic . [...] Without Fatboy , EastEnders right now is a wholly compelling , yet dark place .

Julie Emery from Heat criticised Fatboy 's fashion sense , especially from the episode broadcast on 12 May 2011 , saying " We know clashing prints are soooooo this season , but really , Fatboy , they do nothing for you . And while we 're at it , stop wearing that tinny ' F ' round your neck , for flip 's sake . You 're not a gangster rapper , and anyway your real name 's Arthur . " Emery also said the storyline where Fatboy asks Mercy to marry him so she can stay in the country sounded " somewhat familiar " , as Coronation Street was featuring a similar storyline at the same time . Amy Duncan from the Metro said Fatboy was one of her favourite young characters in EastEnders and said that , with Poppy , he " bring [s] some much @-@ needed light into the soap " . Vicky Prior from the Metro said that Fatboy " is easily one of the best characters in EastEnders , able to interact seamlessly with other characters , both young and old . "

Norwood has received four award nominations for his portrayal of Fatboy . In May 2010 , he received a nomination in the " Best Soap Newcomer " category at the 14th TVChoice Awards , and in July he was nominated for " Best Newcomer " at the 2010 Inside Soap Awards , which he went on to win in September . In September 2010 , he was nominated in the newcomer category of the 16th National Television Awards , which he won in January 2011 . In May 2011 , he was nominated for " Best Newcomer " at the 2011 British Soap Awards .

Following the character 's death , " # Fatboy " trended on social network Twitter , with viewers saying that the character should not have been killed off and some voicing their beliefs that the character is not really dead . A petition was set up online asking for Tradwell @-@ Collins to revive the character ; as of 30 December 2015 , the petition received 2 @,@ 780 signatures .