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Dear Mr Silverman

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATION REQUEST REGARDING A40 LITTER

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information which you requested on 23 December 2010 regarding the A40 section that the Highways Agency (M25 DBFO contract with Connect Plus) is responsible for between the border with the London Borough of Hillingdon and the beginning of the M40 (J1).

For the three months to 30 November 2010 there was one litter pick on 5 October 2010 when 29 bags of litter were collected from the A40 on and off slips at Junction.

The last 5 litter inspection reports / surveys carried out by Connect Plus prior to 30th November 2010 are provided as follows:

5 October 2010 Connect Plus Quadrant Drive report (where the contractor's Area Manager drives the network to pick up any defects in the general condition of the network), and
12 October 2010, 26 October 2010, 9 November 2010, and 23 November 2010 Connect Plus M25 Litter Picking Programmes.

These are attached as Annex A.

Information from the last 5 maintenance inspection reports / surveys carried out by Connect Plus prior to 30 November 2010 identifying damage to infrastructure such as kerbs and fencing are provided in the spreadsheet attached as Annex B.

The Highways Agency does not hold information that is relevant to your request for litter inspections or maintenance inspection reports as all such reports are produced by our contractors. Nor are there any Environment Amenity Index reports on this section (all or part of it) held by the Highways Agency or on its behalf.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the legislation, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We will, therefore, be releasing to the public the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context via our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at <http://www.highways.gov.uk/foiresponses/FOIresponses/8024.aspx>.

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk . You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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