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**From Lord Taylor of Holbeach**  
Parliamentary Under Secretary

*Dear Mr. Silverman.*

Thank you for your letter of 15 March about litter on motorways. I apologise for the delay in replying.

As you are aware, responsibility for litter on motorways lies with the Highways Agency and their sponsor department, the Department for Transport. I am assured by the Highways Agency that they are taking all reasonable steps to keep their network free from litter in accordance with the Environmental Protection Act and Code of Practice.

You may wish to know they have also recently reminded their Service Providers of their contractual responsibilities on this issue. With the forthcoming Olympics additional effort is being put in place including liaising with Local Authorities to ensure that where practicable the Olympic Torch Route is free from litter.

I am pleased that the Highways Agency are co-coordinating their activity under the 'Love where you live' campaign and they have been active in their public awareness and direct messages to road users about litter, as well as conducting an analysis of calls on litter to its Highways Agency Information line to identify roads needing clearance.

I suggest if you have particular concerns about particular routes you contact the Highway Agency direct. Contact details can be found on their website at:  
<http://www.highways.gov.uk/>.

Thank you for your kind invitation to meet with yourself and Mike Penning. Unfortunately due to heavy diary commitments I am unable accept; however, I do thank you for your continued interest in this area and I wish you all the success in the coming years.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lord Taylor of Holbeach". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large initial "L" and "T".

**LORD TAYLOR OF HOLBEACH**