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Subject: Cleansing of Highways Agency Trunk Roads

Dear Mr Rutnam,

As you will know with a few exceptions responsibility for cleansing the All Purpose Trunk Roads (APTRs) in England lies with the relevant Local Authority . The Highways Agency is responsible for all of the other maintenance work. They cut the grass while the Local Authority has to pick the litter.

In my e-mail to [Robert Goodwill of 21st March](#) I made [the case for transferring the responsibility for cleansing these roads to the Highways Agency](#).

I pointed out that this had also been recommended by Atkins in their *Roadside Litter Research Strategy* prepared for the DfT in 2009.

I now gather that the Local Government Association had made the same recommendations in their response to the DfT's consultation on transforming the Agency into a publicly owned company and have now repeated it in section 5.2 of their recent [submission to the House of Commons Communities and Local Government Committee's inquiry into litter](#).

What is the current position on this proposal?

Kind regards,

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