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Dear Mr Coker,

A41 - Litter

Thank you for your email to Naomi Batson regarding the litter along the A41.

The section of the A41 which falls within Aylesbury Vale District Council was last litter picked on the 3 and 4 February. The road was then inspected by a Monitoring Officer on the 5 February. The litter had been cleared by the contractor but already there were sporadic items of litter along the road. Unfortunately the central reservation wasn't litter picked at this time.

Historically the build up of litter on this road has always been an issue and quite often can deteriorate within days/weeks of the contractor carrying out the cleansing.

As Claire has explained in previous correspondence this operation by law has to be done under traffic controlled conditions in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Road Traffic Regulations in order to ensure the safety of the contractor's personnel, as you can appreciate if we were to carry out this operation at a higher frequency the costs implications will be vast.

The Council is committed to providing cleansing services throughout the district in an efficient and cost effective manner. This is achieved by directing resources to the areas most in need and consequently residential areas tend to be those which are litter picked most frequently, however we do recognise that these A road's are an issue. We are not alone in this problem, with other districts experiencing high volumes of litter on the trunk roads and the difficulties with clearing it. We are working with other Districts and Bucks County Councils to look for solutions for these issues's.

In the meantime we have asked our contractors to make arrangements for this road to be litter picked this month which will be ahead of the three monthly schedule but will enable us to do it before the grass grows . Once traffic management arrangements have been made I will confirm this date nearer the time.

I agree with you that it's a disgrace that our roads become littered to this extent, because of the inconsiderate actions of vehicle users and the costs incurred by the council tax payer to address this. I am more than happy to discuss this if you wish to call me on the telephone number below.

Yours sincerely

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