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Dear Mr Brewer

Litter on the M32

Steve Webb MP has passed me a copy of your letter to him of 7th July. Thank you for your response. I would appreciate it if you could clarify one or two points for me and let me have some further information.

Do Highways Agency staff, as opposed to your contractors, carry out any formal routine litter inspections? If so, can you let me have a copy of the document specifying the procedures adopted in carrying out this task as well as sample copies of the resultant reports.

When you say the M32 is litter picked at least every month do you mean every section of every verge (including slipways and the roundabout at the junction with the M4) is litter picked or just that some cleaning takes place every month?

Could you please let me have copies of the reports recording which sections were cleaned covering the period January 1st to June 30th this year.

Can you please let me have a copy of the procedures your contractors employ for inspecting and litter picking the verges, slip roads and central reservations.

You say the frequency of litter picking has to be balanced with the risks involved. This implies that appropriate safety measures are not always put in place. Are you saying that operatives are sometimes put at risk when litter picking?

Finally, you mention your recent seminar. Do you ever invite interested parties from other groups with an interest in litter? I am for example, involved with a local litter picking group and often raise issues with local councils about local roads, and you will be aware I have had many contacts with your agency regarding the M32. There are other individuals and groups with considerable knowledge of the issues, who would be able to contribute ideas and challenge at such workshops,

I look forward to your reply,

Yours sincerely,

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cc Steve Webb MP (by email)

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