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Dear Mr Edgington,

Thank you for your letter of 11 July, concerning litter on the M32.

The Service Provider Skanska is responsible for carrying out litter inspections on our behalf.

The litter is picked on sections of the M32 where litter has accumulated, to bring the verges up to a Grade B, following the Environmental Protection Act 1990 Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Area 2 Maintenance Requirements Plan Part B11 Sweeping and Cleaning. I also enclose a copy of a spreadsheet showing the litter picking records covering the period 1 January to 30 June 2014 as requested.

You ask whether operatives are put at risk when litter picking. Unfortunately the answer is that whatever safety procedures are put in place there is an inherent risk associated with any work on a busy, fast moving road. We do have safety measures and physical protection and these are appropriate and properly implemented. However they can only reduce but not eliminate the risk. The starting point for any safe system of work is to try to reduce the need for any activity which carries risk.

At a national level the Agency has held an external key stakeholders workshop, as part of the launch of the Agency's first publicly facing Litter Strategy. The workshop included delegates from a number of local authorities and ADEPT, the organisation representing Directors of county, unitary and metropolitan councils.

Dialogue continued after the workshop with many of the delegates, including those from Keep Britain Tidy. We are keen to work with them on a more local level too and recently met with one of their partners to discuss supporting an anti-litter campaign being run by a National Park. We are responsible for roads leading into the national park and have agreed to provide support where we are able.

We will continue to build on our partnership with Keep Britain Tidy and of course with other key national stakeholders through regular Agency led key stakeholder task groups.

If you have any further queries please contact the M32 route manager Chris Pope at Highways Agency, 2 the Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6HA, Telephone 0117 372 8635 or by email chris.pope@highways.gsi.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'David Brewer', written in a cursive style.

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