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To: Peter Silverman

Cc: Wells, Nick; Barnes, Christopher; Garnham, Harry; Kilkenny, Jackie

Subject: RE: Motorways Litter

Dear Mr Silverman,

Thank you for your further email raising a number of points with reference to the contents of Jackie Kilkenny's email of 21 May 2015 and your reports to Graham Dalton.

As Jackie mentioned, legal advice is being sought to establish what if any, enforcement powers transferred to Highways England. In relation to enforcement powers for prosecution for 'waste transport vehicles' and Fixed Penalty Notices, you may want to review Jackie Kilkenny's email of 14 October 2014 about current powers to stop vehicles with unsafe loads and my emails of March/April 2015.

I apologise for misunderstanding the idea to reduce the need for traffic management. I can confirm we will be exploring several ideas with safety for our customers and operatives remaining the top priority.

Vegetation should be maintained in accordance with the specification. This will be primarily geared around safety interventions for the road user.

With regard to contractual manning levels for incident support. There are no levels contractually stipulated. The duty is to deliver contract compliance with the service levels described in the specification (e.g. AMOR etc).

We have considered your idea of stopping traffic on slip roads for picking litter and will not be pursuing it due to concerns regarding safety.

Area 10. Between 15 April 2015 and 7 May 2015, we cleared 1,343 sacks of litter from the M60 in Salford, including part of the section being upgraded to a smart motorway between J8 -20. However, we accept that the situation in terms of accumulated litter between Junctions 9 and 10 has been problematic some time. This was due to a lack of adequate coordination between our Asset Support Contractor for the day-to-day operation of trunk roads and motorways in this part of the North West and our smart motorways operatives who are responsible for ongoing sweeping and cleaning during the Smart Motorway upgrade which has now started in earnest. The problem has since been resolved, and to help illustrate this I am enclosing a photograph taken on 8 April 2015. It shows our smart motorways operatives clearing litter from the embankment between Junctions 8 and 9 in the vicinity of Moss Vale Road, Urmston.

In relation to the M4 J8, can confirm that it our responsibility to remove litter from this site. There is no fence dividing the land but it will require substantial vegetation removal to make it fully accessible for operatives. The team are reviewing upcoming closures at J8/9 to see if we can get operatives in there to carry out litter removal.

Regards

Bob