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Sent: 29 June 2015 18:03
To: Colin Matthews HE Chairman
Cc: Castleman, Robert; Gillian Worley; (Dft) 'Antolik, Peter' (ORR); 'mike'
Subject: Cleansing ATPRs - Liaising with Local Authorities

Dear Mr Matthews,

I am concerned about the continuing failure of many councils to recognise their responsibility to cleanse the HE trunk roads passing through their areas.

This was raised in [my report to Graham Dalton of 11th February](#) (4th page) which referred to North East Lincolnshire Council (A180), West Berkshire Council (A34), Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (A34) and Durham County Council (A66) as having been seemingly unaware of their responsibilities. In [my report of 20th February](#) I added Ipswich (A12) to the list.

I can now add another authority. Please refer to [Milton Keynes Council unaware of their duty to clean A5](#).

Mr Coker who described the A5 through MK as being in a disgusting state was told that HE “regularly monitors the cleanliness of its network and where it considers that the standards set by the Environment Protection Act are not being met, writes to the relevant local authority asking for swift action to be taken to cleanse the area of accumulated rubbish”. Peter Martin was told the very same thing back on 9th February. My subsequent request for sample copies of the correspondence was refused.

However if such a process is taking place why is Milton Keynes Council saying it is not responsible for clearing rubbish dumped alongside the A5?

In his letter to me of 17th March Bob Castleman did refer to the “Cleansing of ATPRs”. However his comments were regarding another, albeit related matter, namely the possibility of transferring the responsibility for cleaning these roads to HE. The topic was not covered in any of the follow up correspondence to my May 1st meeting at your Guildford head office with Bob and other colleagues. I have therefore not received any feedback on this subject.

Has any action been taken to remind North East Lincolnshire Council (A180), West Berkshire Council (A34), Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council (A34) and Durham County Council (A66) of their duties under EPA S89(1)? If so I would appreciate it if you could send me copies of the relevant correspondence.

I may appear to you to be somewhat forthright in my approach to highways litter. However if I was otherwise I feel I would be letting down the 353 people who have contacted me on the subject, the strength of whose feelings can be gauged from the [Dirty Dossier](#).

Look at it this way, by people channelling their feedback though Clean Highways HE only have to deal with one person rather than two or three hundred. All this at no cost to the taxpayer!

Mr Matthews, I look forward to hearing from you.

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