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Dear Mr Silverman,

Thank you for your message to Andrew Jones of 29 July regarding motorway litter. Your message has been passed to me and I have been asked to reply.

I am sorry that Andrew Jones' remark in the House has led you to believe that Highways England's statutory duties under the Environmental Protection Act are not being taken seriously. There is no question about their duty to deal with litter on motorways and they fully recognise the importance of doing so.

Andrew Jones' remark reflects that collecting litter is the result of poor behaviour by motorists. As well as clearing litter on a regular basis, Highways England are putting significant resources into educating road users about the negative aspects of litter to prevent it being deposited in the first place. In addition to the environmental concerns of littering, they feel that if the problem reduced, they could divert their resources into more productive areas, such as routine maintenance and traffic management to improve their service to all road users.

Yours sincerely,

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