

Complaints about litter forwarded to Highways England CEO, Jim O’Sullivan Copied to Office Of Rail & Road

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25-04-2016	Maria Humphreys	A419 Swindon to Cirencester the slip roads are just as bad as the dual carriage ways . Fines should be increased , the litter that is thrown from cars and trucks are all take away products, plastic bottles and cans . There should be signs along the carriage ways stating that there will be hefty fines . Maybe the take away products should be increased in price to include a tax that goes towards clearing the litter maybe then the culprits will think twice about throwing the packaging out of-their car/ truck windows! Unfortunately it doesn't end with the dual /motorways housing estates are just as bad , many years ago the local councils would do regular cleaning of streets , but as we know the money isn't available , and this wouldn't have to happen if we all took pride in our surroundings and our country
22-04-2016	Liz Roberts	A34 between Hinksey Hill and Abingdon. A lot of litter along this stretch of dual carriageway. It needs to be picked up. Most main roads and motorways are strewn with litter which spoil the look of the area.
21-04-2016	Julia Squier	Just driven from Cambridge to Wetherby turnoff in N Yorkshire; some stretches not too bad but mostly grade C/D+, eg Peterborough stretch. The grass growing now and surely makes litter picking much more difficult and of course when it's cut the trash will be multiplied massively.

20-04-2016	Helene Langley	I drive on the A2 between Dover and Canterbury and the A2 between Canterbury and then onto the M2 towards London. The vergers are absolutely disgusting especially the Brenley corner roundabout and the A2 into Canterbury. there are numerous lorries which park overnight and during the day in the lay bys and these are awful too. My son lives in Holland and I frequently drive to see him. There are just as many lorries on the motorways in France, Belgium and Holland and these are NOT covered in litter so it cannot be the fault of lorry drivers as some people say. It's embarassing to enter into Kent . It shows us up as a filthy and uncared for county (and country) . The majority of main roads in Kent are absolutely terrible and are clearly never cleaned. We really need to do something as the litter and filth is building up over time.
19-04-2016	Lynda Horne	A1 North from South Mimms Roundabout and the roundabout itself is absolutely covered with litter it's disgusting!
14-04-2016	Paul Wood	I have just driven from Todmorden to Manchester along the M60 exiting at J17 Prestwich. The whole M62/M60 motorway is a national disgrace with litter on all the verges . The exit slip roads at J17 of the M60 are a particular mess and present an extremely poor introduction to Manchester to any visitors. Huge piles of fast food rubbish, much of it accumulated over several years lies in piles by the roadside traffic lights. What is wrong with Highways England? are you not equally appalled? do you not care about your country? I have driven in many countries and can say we are the worst in the developed world. Even some so called third world countries could teach us a thing or two. I no longer look forward to driving as I know I will be dispirited and depressed by the filthy state of our road network wherever I go. Highways England hang your head in shame.

12-04-2016	Louise Rothschild	M4 London to Heathrow - I complained about this a while ago, there is still litter along the whole stretch above. It is really bad down the side of bridges that cross the motorway. Disgraceful introduction to our country for the many visitors and investors who travel between central London and Heathrow. This never used to be a problem - we have gone SO FAR backwards in terms of motorway cleanliness. I have just spent a substantial amount of time in Southern Africa and generally speaking the UK's roads are more littered than theirs. Disgrace.
12-04-2016	Jean Argent	A2. A few years ago the turn off from south circular onto A2 was being used by people running in front trying to clean car windows, they left, and rubbish they left behind has never been cleaned up. It is filthy. The slip round onto A2 is always full of rubbish and in fact the whole A2 is just a complete rubbish dump . Where the lorry drivers stop also full of rubbish. So embarrassing when travelling with family and friends from Germany and New Zealand.
12-04-2016	Susan Rosenberg	A1M junction 2 Welham Green slip road used by lorries parking. Full of rubbish and Rats . Also wooded area used as toilet!!!
12-04-2016	Mike Pease	The M60 junction 18 (where it meets the M62 and M66) where there are traffic lights to switch motorways. At every point where cars stop the verges are literally covered in litter . It has been ever thus. I complain repeatedly to no avail.

12-04-2016	Amanda Flude	<p>Hi A23 from Brighon to Crawley and the A27 particularly between the junction with the A283 and the A26. The verges of these roads are a disgrace, not only with litter; but also items used by contractors such as old cones and other similar objects. The junctions are also filthy, in particular parts of the junction between the A23 to A27 have been used for fly tipping. Much of these areas fall within the South Downs National park which makes it even more disgraceful. The areas above are in my local area and I know from travelling around the country that this is a nationwide disgrace and one which the Highways agency is responsible for and failing to tackle. If lanes need closing to clean up litter, so be it; People need to be educated to dispose of their rubbish responsibly. Contractors need to be fined if they leave items after completing works; works should not be signed off until all a contractors' signage, cones etc. have been removed. Contractors or hauliers losing items which fall from their vehicles should be fined; as it illustrates their lack of concern for other road users safety as well as their disregard for the environment.</p>
12-04-2016	john taylor	<p>A20 from Dover to folkestone is very bad as are most highways. Slip[road end of Cherry Garden Avenue onto M20. Junction 11 A20 from there to eurotunnel rear entrance. A250 to Sittingbourne. Motorway from London to Brighton. The list goes on. Can't anyone responsible see the mess?</p>
12-04-2016	Mark Godfrey	<p>The A13 from Rainham to Dartford just before M25 & A12 to Brentwood which has never been cleared of Litter for many years it is disgusting the trees and bushes are covered in plastic bags hundreds of them , I would say at least 70 black bags to clear the amount of Litter / Rubbish on the grass verge on both sides . The A406 from wanstead to , (Redbridge roundabout) to The Barking flyover full of litter far as your eyes can see this will take a hundred black bags to & clear it . Please help I will try to take photos to show you the amount of litter strewn all over and has been like this since the Olympics</p>

11-04-2016	Helen Austin	I am absolutely disgusted and sickened by the appalling litter on the roads in East Kentthe worse one I have encountered is the slip road onto the M20 at J11 eastbound. Not only is this littered with the usual plastic bags, drink cartons, fast food bags etc but it is covered in an assortment of containers full of URINE This is DISGUSTING and does make me feel physically sickthis is a route many tourists use on route to France what a lovely advert for England's Green and Pleasant Land. The A20 between Folkestone and Dover is also a disgraceand something needs to be done about it.....our roadsides have just become a dumping ground.
11-04-2016	Gail Mills	The litter on the A13 is the worst most disgusting I have seen, as is the A2 from Kent to The Sun in the Sands roundabout. Another disgusting litter filled road is the A2 from Faversham, Kent to the Folkestone turnoff. As you are obviously incapable of doing your job, you should resign and let decent carding people take over.
11-04-2016	Graeme Rumley	Junction 9 M20 Ashford. The slip road Northbound is an eyesore of litter thats been there for at least a year and steadily worsening. UK highways in general are disgusting especially compared to Europe as a general rule. I want to drive on UK motorways without litter strewn verges
11-04-2016	John Hope	The road with which I am most familiar is the A1 (M) in the vicinity of Stevenage (junctions 7 and 8) .The slip road leading off the motorway going north at Junction 8 is a disgrace with litter everywhere . On the motorway itself one of the things I see all the time on pretty much all roads is debris left behind by contractors . Are these roadworks not inspected by Highways England ? Are no retentions held against these contractors only to be released when their work is completed properly including clearing up signs and easels ?

11-04-2016	Joy Armstrong	M11, part of the A1(M) just this weekend. Usual detritus littering the verges. Plastic sheeting in trees and bushes, empty bottles, paper litter, cans scattered along the verges. It looks like someone has emptied a dustbin all along (all, I'm afraid to say, UK motorways and trunk roads) the road verges to such an extent in so many places you can't see any grass or flowers struggling to grow. The same applies to the M42, M6, M1, M40. Every motorway and trunk road. All filthy.
11-04-2016	Carol Haigh	Last week I travelled on the M11, A11, A12 and A127 and was appalled that so much litter has been allowed to accumulate. I have friends visiting from Canada next month and am embarrassed of the view that they will take home with them of England and the English. If countries such as France, Italy, New Zealand and Canada can keep their roads clear of litter, why is it so difficult for us?
11-04-2016	Digby Williams	M20 from Folkestone to Maidstone. All the slip roads onto the motorway are blighted by litter. Surely it must be possible to position cameras to film the miscreants and fine them? The funds raised could be used for cleansing.
10-04-2016	Amanda Waring	A21 Lamberhurst to Tunbridge Wells Lots of unsightly litter along road side. General increase in litter on our roadsides especially near service stations.
10-04-2016	mr simpson	A36 around Salisbury sp1 3ha. Plenty of disused road signs and cones abandoned along the roadside - they need collecting!
10-04-2016	frank goddard	A1 M slip roads Particularly A635 are a disgrace. They are not litter picked unless you complain.

09-04-2016	Sandra Freeden	One word DISGUSTING the northcircular from Southgate to Neasden (likea) full of litter and street rubbish I have written last year to tfl and Barnet about bus stops they dealt with after so many calls but have not swept pavements WHY surely there are machines that do the work ,I drive twice a week to henleys corner very grubby but Wednesday went with friend to Richmond o dear it was embarrassing every island on road was full of leaves and litter , does anyone look at these main highways this is London 2016 never seen anything like it very upsetting I can't bear it that's my view I'm not alone take a look please. . Thank you
08-04-2016	Carol Pollock	litter is deposited along every inch both sides of A27 Chichester from roundabout at Tescos to roundabout at Sainsburys. I have lived here 38 years and have never seen it as bad
07-04-2016	Alexander Marchenko	A27 -- the side of the road is extremely filthy in several areas around Brighton and Lewes: 1) Westbound between junctions with A270 and Hollingbury - especially around layby right after JCT with A270. 2) Both Eastbound and Westbound between Ashcombe roundabout and Southerham roundabout.
07-04-2016	Maureen Stuart	The litter on the Wainscott Bypass is atrocious, especially towards the A2 end.
07-04-2016	Chris Boormsn	A249 Detling Hill both eats between the M2 & M20, very littered & gives a very poor impression of Kent. A2 from Dover towards Canterbury, not as bad as the A249 but being one of the first pads used by visitors to the UK from Dover port, as above gives a very poor impression of Kent. Is it possible to use individuals that have received community service orders as I feel this would be a good use of what could be free labour?

06-04-2016	Janice Stannard	<p>My husband and I regularly use the A249 and A2 and are absolutely appalled by the amount of litter along the verges. We have never seen it so bad; once we were pleased to be able to boast of how lovely and pleasant it was to drive through Kent when our visitors from abroad stay, but now feel somewhat ashamed that this impression no longer is the case. We know this is the result of irresponsible drivers with no conscience about these things but nevertheless the litter just cannot be left to build up in this disgusting way. Where has England's Green and Pleasant Land disappeared to! Kent is a gateway to the UK which in our view is a wonderful country and the clearance of litter should be considered to be an important action to try to maintain the high standards that once were obvious but which are now sadly slipping away.</p>
06-04-2016	David Mcloughlin	<p>M6 Lancashire Cumbria m65 Lancashire far to much litter on side and central reservation</p>
06-04-2016	Paul Wright	<p>Lets be honest, it would be much easier to identify HE roads which aren't in a disgusting state with respect to litter. Until there are consequences for the slob that throw litter out of their car or who leave it in laybys the situation is only going to get worse. Points on ones license if caught discarding litter would soon result in people thinking twice. Also an aggressive media campaign [including TV time] should be considered. It is so depressing to drive on our roads after using continental Europes clean highway system. I would suggest HE consult the rest of Europe on how they manage the problem successfully and we can't.</p>

06-04-2016	Richard Green	Despite repeated requests , no action appears to have been taken in respect of the huge amount of litter that has accumulated on the M56 and its slip roads from its eastern end at Sharston to its junction with the M6. My particular concern is the stretch from Manchester Airport to J7/8 at Bowdon. My relatives are visiting from Australia between 5 & 30 May 2016: I sincerely hope that we do not have to suffer the embarrassment of driving them from the airport to our home in Altrincham along a stretch of road that is a national disgrace. Please do not respond that (i) it is too dangerous to litter pick on the motorway or (ii) the motorway will be cleaned as part of ongoing road construction projects: I have heard it all before!
05-04-2016	Janet Wilby	All slips roads off M2 into Faversham and off Brenley roundabout are full of litter , even fly tipping, is taking place. I think Kents road are an absolute disgrace roads on the continent are never in such a filthy state , It's a shame the public treat roads like this , but where there is litter there will always be more litter left, so if the slips roads, especially onto Asford Road A251 it may help improve the situation.
05-04-2016	Joyce Langford	I frequently drive on the A3 between Godalming (Milford) and Guildford in Surrey. The amount of litter is disgraceful and shaming when our friends from Denmark visit us. The overall state of Highways England network is dreadful and could be potentially dangerous when large sheets of plastic blow across the road or chunks of blown tyres litter the motorway.
04-04-2016	Tom Parkinsin	Terrible litter at junction 6 of the M56/junction 20 of the M6 (Lymm) , looks like several months worth especially on the several slip roads. Works are currently taking place but for some reason it is not deemed fit to remove this litter at the same time. I travel widely and can honestly say the UK's motorways and A-roads are by far the worst in Europe , North America and Australia. Is it really too much to ask for some 'Don't litter' signs?
04-04-2016	Julie Ludbrook	The exit slip roads from the M25 at junction 6 have a lot of rubbish on the verges . Is it Highways England who is responsible for this or Surrey Highways?

04-04-2016	Lorna Brewin	I travel regularly along the A256 and A20 between Sandwich and Folkestone . The litter is appalling and getting worse each week. It is shameful to see our once clean highways becoming a dumping ground from vehicles.
04-04-2016	Mel North	I would like to register my concern at the amount of accumulated litter along the M4 corridor between J17 and J18 and on the slip road coming from the M4 (west) on to the roundabout at J17 . My heart sinks every day when I see the garbage. At the J17 roundabout there are a huge amount of take away hot drink cups, food wrappers, cans (including one I noticed that looks like a relic it is so rusted) and what looks like urine-filled plastic milk bottles. In any area, including one like Wiltshire that relies a good deal on tourism, it is an embarrassment to have national routes like the M4 blighted in this way . It is also hazardous to other drivers, particularly in high winds, when litter like plastic bags and sheeting flies around, as well as detrimental to wildlife living near the motorways. I can image that there is also a risk to farmers of their fields becoming contaminated with litter. As well as having the litter routinely cleared away, would it be possible to have some signs put up reminding people that dropping litter puts highway workers lives at risk? I don't know if CCTV is ever considered on slip roads to deter people from throwing litter from their vehicles? Many thanks.
03-04-2016	Janet Adams	A249.. Disgusting buildup of litter both sides for last 3 months
03-04-2016	Chris Euden	The entire network is a mess . In my recent travels the A12 - particulalry around the M25 junction and up 4 miles north of it. The A3 - entire route from Guildford to Hindhead . The network needs enforcement via CCTV and then publicised fines. The programmable gantry signs should have anti litter messages at all times when not in use for safety reasons. Junctions should have CCTV analysed and offenders fined. We need a national strategy on this. The network is a disgrace.
03-04-2016	John Ford	Very poor litter on and around the M40 junction with the A40 at Oxford Services.

02-04-2016	Clare McGeehan	M6 simply disgusting!
01-04-2016	Tom Lawson	The A1 from the new section at Elkesley down to the junction with the A17, just south of the river Trent. The amount of litter along this extensive section of the A1 is simply disgusting. When was litter last cleared on this section of road?
31-03-2016	Tracey Wills	The A20 between Folkestone and Dover is a disgrace. It hasn't been litter picked in months and the verges, laybys and central reservation look like a landfill site. The M20 between Dover and Maidstone is not much better with all the slip roads and central reservation full of litter.
31-03-2016	Diane Wright	I drive all over the country, and the roadside verges almost everywhere are in a disgraceful state, so pinpointing one particular area is not helpful. I feel sorry for cash strapped authorities who have to deal with this almost impossible situation. Never the less something MUST be done about it, and it behoves us all to NOT DROP THE RUBBISH in the first place (not difficult) and help to clear it up ourselves rather than just moan. The more people who participate, visibly, the more quickly the (criminal) act of littering will be seen to be thoroughly unacceptable. A huge amount of the rubbish is associated with fast food, so those outlets need to at least use biodegradable packaging if possible, and display educational/shock horror information on the effect of irresponsible disposal. Make cars with windows which don't open (like busses and trains!) Educate everyone on the massive and rapidly growing rubbish problems world wide. Try to instil some sort of personal pride into people who are lazy, ignorant, arrogant and uncaring.
30-03-2016	Kim Waters	A1M in Hertfordshire litter all along central reservation and on verges. Roundabouts exiting at Stevenage and Hatfield are in a disgusting state. Embarrassed about the state of our roads when visitors are here. Depressing state of affairs.