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**Cc:** Kevin Hollinrake MP; Andrew Gwynne MP ; Allison Ogden-Newton, Keep Britain Tidy; Peter Antolik  
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**Subject:** Feedback on litter 5

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**Attn:** Jim O'Sullivan, CEO of Highways England  
**Feedback on litter**

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**Snippets:**

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| 56 | John Ashford       | 26-01-2016 M54 Land owned by the highway right by the village of Overdale in Tel<br>Very badly needing a good litter clear up.  |
| 57 | Julia Maltby       | 26-01-2016 The A2 in the vicinity of Canterbury is in a deplorable state as far as litter<br>concerned. I cannot think what first impressions tourists get when they drive away from<br>Dover up the A2 and M2. Local residents here are thoroughly fed up with the state of<br>verges on the A2. Foreign lorries have destroyed our lay-bys, churning up the earth<br>they go beyond the tarmac, trying to get more and more lorries into one lay-by, then<br>all their litter behind and having used the area as a WC..... Perhaps it would be better<br>the lay-bys as there is no room for ordinary motorists to park in them anyway! |
| 58 | Ellen Beadle       | 25-01-2016 A12 from Colchester to London. Hard shoulder & central reservation A<br>Bishops Stortford to Braintree A41 M25 past Hemel. Plastic packaging & wrapping<br>lorries, cans, fast food waste and coffee cups.   |
| 59 | Andrew Bennett     | 24-01-2016 A1(M) Junction 45 Slip Roads, both North and South Bound, exit and e<br>Appalling amount of litter, both commercial and domestic.  |
| 60 | Steven Dennard     | 22-01-2016 M1 south of Leicester - Central reservation -awash with litter; A27 betwe<br>Brighton and Shoreham;  |
| 61 | Margaret Wilson    | 22-01-2016 The verges alongside the A26 down from the Beddingham Roundabout<br>Newhaven are covered in litter /refuse and large quantities of plastic sheetin..It looks<br>3rd World .I have never seen it so bad. I suspect much of it comes from unsecured lo<br>being delivered to the incinerator in Newhaven. It is hard to believe that this is in a N<br>Park and is an AONB.  |
| 62 | Georgina Harris    | 22-01-2016 All major roads through Northamptonshire are a disgrace, so much rubb<br>Why don't the powers that be,litter pick when roads are closed for other reasons. The<br>also empty the litter bins more often and clean the surrounding area in the lay-bys.   |
| 63 | Rod Edwards        | 21-01-2016 Seriously Highways Its Trash   |
| 64 | MaryAnn Sutherland | 21-01-2016 Backwater valley relief rd Farnborough/Aldershot Hants and Farnham b<br>Surrey. I cannot understand why lorries are not covered as I am convinced that a lar<br>amount of the rubbish on our roads fall from the back of uncovered vehicles. What i<br>orders the verges to be cut before the litter is picked making one piece of rubbish in<br>hundreds. I pick up litter every day!!  |
| 65 | Brenda Vingoe      | 21-01-2016 Disgusting amount of litter from Sun In The Sands junction (Blackheath<br>way to Danson Interchange ( Bexley) . I travel this stretch of road quite regularly and<br>recollection this part of the A2 has never been cleaned in the last 2 years ..... What<br>disgrace and this only reflects a small part of a huge problem ! Does anyone care ab<br>problem we have with INCREASING LITTER !!!!   |
| 66 | Anthony Fones      | 21-01-2016 Severe litter problems at slip road of M62 junction 25/26/27 both east<br>and westbound. Problems are particularly bad where traffic is controlled on the slip<br>traffic lights. Drivers obviously throwing litter from cars whilst waiting for lights to c   |

- 67 CLAY PITTOCK 20-01-2016 EXITING THE M2 @ SITTINGBOURNE (JCT 5) AS YOU APPROACH THE ROUNDABOUT THE AMOUNT OF RUBISH ON THE SIDES OF THE ROAD IS A DISGRACE. THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED FOR YEARS AND THE SAME CAN BE SAID ABOUT THE MAIDSTONE BOUND FROM STOCKBURY TO M20 MAIDSTONE. THIS COUNTRY IS DIRTYER THAN I'VE KNOWN AND WERE NOW THE DIRTY MAN OF EUROPE WHERE I TRAVEL ON A REGULAR BASIS
- 68 Paul Bolton 20-01-2016 I am concerned about the continued neglect by Highways England to litter the verges and roundabouts of the A627(M) between Rochdale and Oldham. Frankly the verges are in a disgusting state and haven't been maintained for years thus allowing detritus to build up year on year
- 69 Paul James 20-01-2016 The verges of the A27 westbound from Lewes to Hangleton including the Brighton bypass are heavily littered. All the more disappointing given the close proximity to the South Downs. When is someone going to do something about this?
- 70 Robert Pickles 20-01-2016 The M11 from Redbridge Roundabout all the way up ... litter everywhere is as bad, indeed totally out of control, is the litter on the A12, again, from the Redbridge roundabout through the whole of Essex, both sides of the road and the central reservation. Interestingly, the litter petered out over the border in Suffolk. Essex Council?
- 71 Julia Beckreck 20-01-2016 Today I travelled on the M42 and A42 between Birmingham and Loughborough and was appalled at the accumulation of litter on the verges of the highway. Please can you clear this litter asap as it is a blot on the otherwise lovely countryside. Community service offenders should be used for this work on a daily basis.
- 72 Sara Daw 20-01-2016 A303 - ROUTE FROM Wiltshire TO Cornwall.
- 73 Myra Heron 20-01-2016 A 404 between Marlow and Maidenhead Thicket Roundabout. I have previously complained about the litter along this stretch of road before and it was cleared but now it appears to be building up again. Fly tipping is also a problem as a plywood cabinet was dumped alongside the highway. This is a pretty stretch of countryside and is spoilt by the rubbish.
- 74 Jackie Webster 20-01-2016 Continual problems with A3 and A31. Efforts are certainly being made to clean up the main highways more often and I appreciate the battle. However the slip ways and these roads seem to be permanently left uncleaned and are and always have been in an appalling state. I assume they also fall within the highways remit?
- 75 Angela Saccomando 18-01-2016 The A38 from j28 of the M1 all the way to the Burton on Trent turn off. Disgusting mess! An eye sore and a disgrace. Get some people on community service to clean the damn things up. I'd do it. Get me some time off work, a bag and a litter picker and a spike thing. It infuriates me. Make it a £1000 fine or a day litter picking if you get caught.
- 76 Ian Dare 16-01-2016 M42/A42: junction 10. Although the cleanliness of the M42/A42 has improved recently, the verges around this particular junction, and either side for several hundred metres, seem continually blighted with litter. The concrete gullies alongside the M42 between junctions 9 and 8 are choked with debris and litter, and surely can't function properly for drainage purposes. M5 junction 4a - 11a: verges very overgrown. Other roads are too gruesome.

- 77 Kenan Elbeyati 13-01-2016 A406 North Circular Road between Hanger Lane and the M1 slip road. majority of verges, slip roads, central reservation is littered. Additionally, on North Road (side road) between the Ace Cafe at Beresford Avenue and Stonebridge Park underground station at Argenta Way, on the grassy embankment behind the fences, the bridge, is completely covered in litter. New fences were installed recently, and not bothered to clean up the litter even then.
- 78 Sandra Freeden 12-01-2016 Very upsetting North circular from new southgate to henleys corner even stop either side is disgusting why ? How easy for a person with a broom to clean up has been like this for 18mths near henleys corner don't get me started on that area .anyway thank you as they say (your call is very important to us. Mmmmm)
- 79 Michael Pease 11-01-2016 Slip roads at junctions 2 and 3 of the M60 have a significant litter problem in particular, at junction 3 about 100m before joining the A34 is carpeted with litter. generally, the overall state of the M60 leaves a lot to be desired. I could just as easily have complained here about litter on "the M60" without being specific as to junctions or a particular area. The M60 really does need an urgent 'deep clean'. If the litter is left then it simply begets more litter. If it is cleared then the litter louts may think twice about despoiling it.
- 80 Matthew Conran 08-01-2016 M20/A20 in Kent - disgraceful amount of litter on the verges as you approach Dover. Mess left after this summer's Operation Stack hasn't been cleared. It looks like a tip. Literally piles of rubbish covering the grass verges, lay-bys and central reservation.
- 81 Paul Wood 04-01-2016 M62 Exit to Manchester J17. The slip road and roundabout are appalling with bottles, cans and fast food litter literally in piles on the verge. It has been this way for years. Very depressing driving into Manchester. The M62 as a whole is a disgrace, litter everywhere. Why don't you clean our Motorways! Also the Tadcaster road into York (A64) is a very poor approach to one of our major northern tourist attractions. Many overseas tourists must travel into York along this route and must think we are a bunch of savages. Why can't we get this in Scandinavia or most of Europe.

Kind regards

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