

Complaints about litter forwarded to Highways England CEO, Jim O'Sullivan

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Total complaints since 11th Nov 2015 = 128

Complaints since last update on 15th Feb 2016 = 31 – shown in red

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27-02-16	Paul	Wenham	M20 junctions near Folkestone. A249 Detling Hill. A2 near Canterbury. All of these roads are covered in plastic rubbish. Not been cleaned in months.
27-02-16	James	Miller	M3 j9 - 11 Grade D Litter, J9 A34 northbound slipway is absolutely filthy.
27-02-16	David	Leary	THE A13 IN ESSEX IS ABSOLUTELY DISGUSTING DEBRIS OF ALL SORTS BY THE CARRIAGEWAY. WHAT IS BEING DONE ABOUT IT?
27-02-16	Rebecca	Dearden	M6 from junctions 33 onward is disgusting. Litter all over the banks and verges. Bottles, cans, plastic it's shaming to be a nation of people who don't care about public spaces.
26-02-16	Mervyn	Kettle	M5 between Exeter and Bristol; M49 Avonmouth to Severn Bridge both severely littered North and South carriageways when last travelled 20.2.16. Overall not very impressed on the network, having travelled on many of the motorways - and previously written complaints.
26-02-16	Jane	Matthews	I live near St Albans and regularly use the A414 in Hertfordshire. From the M1 pretty much all the way through St Albans, Hatfield to Hertford and beyond into Essex, the A414 is a disgrace. There is so much plastic on some trees it almost looks as though its growing on them. Why oh why cant we clean up our trunk roads, surely we need to care more about our enviroment, Im embarrassed to be British!
26-02-16	Rod	Laver	There is a considerably amount of litter by the on and off slip roads at junction 10 M23. With all the recent windy weather its being blown across the road
25-02-16	Mark	Percy	A30 between Crooked Billet Roundabout in Ashford, Surrey and M25 junction 13. Lay-bys awash with litter.
25-02-16	Richard	Dobbs	A11/A14 Letchworth to Ipswich. The litter on these roads is a disgrace to Suffolk/Cambs/England. If they can keep the roads free of litter in France I fail to see why they can't do the same in England. Every organisation I contact seem to wash their hands of the problem!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

25-02-16	Ian	Dare	M1 between J25 and J22; southbound verges reasonable, central reservation mostly good. Northbound verges between J23 & 23a are very bad. Slip roads uniformly poor: why is this ? Surely slip roads are the safest to clean due to the lower speed of traffic ? And they always attract most litter.
25-02-16	Nigel	Hawkey	Depressing amounts of litter on the M40 north of Warwick services which have been the re for several weeks
24-02-16	Michael	Launchbury	The A14 from the junction with the M1 (J19) eastwards to the A1 is exceptionally contaminated with litter. It is particularly bad between the M1 and Kettering where there are wheelie bins in the laybys overflowing with litter. This is then blowing into the bushes.
24-02-16	Alison	Kirkpatrick	I am getting seriously concerned that the funding to reduce litter around the motorways in Kent has been substantially reduced. The litter on the m20 and m2 is truly atrocious and I have never seen it this bad. Near Dover on the m20 the has never been any clear up after the operation stack and it is incredible. The numbers of Larry drivers that clearly just dump their litter anywhere is appalling. Why are we not fining them? What is being done to address any of this. I intend to write to my MP and others as I think this needs looking into.
24-02-16	Jamie	Ross	A3 from London to Liphook - litter on the verges, practically the whole way. M4 from London to Maidenhead- litter on the verges. Go to France and see how pristine their motorways are - why can't we do the same? Nothing seems to be done about this, despite legal obligations.
24-02-16	Ed	Goldring	M4 J16 (Swindon) west bound exit slip - Dreadful accumulation of waste all the way up the slip-road verge, some of which is so discoloured it must have been there for months, if not years.
23-02-16	Dorothy	Ross	I live near junction 4 of the M65 in Darwen, Lancashire and am constantly appalled at the amount of litter on the verges at this junction- presumably all thrown from cars. This litter seems to have increased every time I drive past; no attempt seems to be made to clear it up, and it remains as an invitation for even more drivers to throw litter. I feel that this squalid roadside reflects very badly upon the town- it is the first part of Darwen to be seen if approached by motorway- as well as on the Highways Agency. I do litter-picking near my home, and would willingly help clear this motorway litter, if such arrangements could be made.
23-02-16	Brian	Lambert	The A34 from Winchester to Oxford including the bypass and the A14 from the M6 to Kettering.
23-02-16	cheryl	peers	Coreys Mill Roundabout near AIM Stevenage Herts SG4

23-02-16	Jenni	Braysher	There appears to be more litter on the A13 than cars. It never appears to be cleared at all. It is disgusting.
23-02-16	Andrea	Nunney	The A14, noticeably between Cambridge and the M6 junction (Particularly near Corby) was thick with litter over the weekend (20th-21st Feb 2016). Bins in lay-byes were overflowing and it looked as though they had not been emptied for some time. Plastic was accumulating in trees and hedgerows, it was a disgrace! We make the journey from Norwich to Liverpool regularly and this area on the A14 has noticeably been getting worse for litter.
22-02-16	David	Landreth	The litter situation on the A627(M) between Rochdale and Middleton is a disgrace. Large amounts of litter have piled up over the last two years particularly at the Stakehill roundabout.
21-02-16	Catherine	Sabben-Clare	The A3 from the Esher Common junction to the M25 junction (and the roundabout leading onto the M25) is in a terrible state. I've been using it for 20 years and I have never seen the litter levels so bad. It must create such a terrible impression for visitors arriving into London from Gatwick/ferry ports.
21-02-16	Silvia	Moffatt	A1 and A19 in the North-East Newcastle upon Tyne. Driving along the roads in this area makes me depressed and sad. Why can't we take more care about our environment? It feels like living in a third world country and not in one of the richest nations in the world!
21-02-16	Nick	Armes	A14 Cambridgeshire Suffolk and Norfolk massive amounts of litter between Newmarket and Thetford. A3 near Petersfield and M25 junction 10 slip roads. A1 between M25 and Hatfield. M4 J15 slip roads Disgraceful amounts of uncollected litter at all the above most of which has been there for years. Time highways agency got off their collective backsides and got it cleared.
20-02-16	Mary	Fautley	The road between the Duke of York Public House and the Whitfield Roundabout on the A2 at Dover is a complete disgrace. Lorries have parked there and of course rubbish is littering both sides. I'm sure you have been made aware of this dreadful problem but I would be interested in hearing if/when you are able to organise a clean up.
20-02-16	Roberta	Foster	The A14 is disgusting litter blowing everywhere. From A14 to M11 what a disgusting sight for residents and visitors England.
20-02-16	Roberta	Foster	M6 from Preston Lancashire to A14. Terrible amounts of litter all along the verges and slip roads.

19-02-16	Adrian	Phillips	Last weekend I drove both ways along the A14 from the M6 to Cambridge. The litter scene is beyond belief in many places - especially toward the western end. It is quite extraordinary that Highways England have allowed this to develop. There are dozens of filthy lay-byes and mile after mile of hedges and bushes draped in plastic. It's depressing and shaming. Adrian Phillips CBE
19-02-16	Peter	Belsham	The A13 and the A1089 to Tilbury docks. Not only is there litter at the side of the road but the trees and bushes are full of sheets of plastics.It needs to be cleared now while the trees are out of leaf.I cannot comment on the overall state of the Highways England network,but in Thurrock it is appalling.
19-02-16	Vanessa	Dent	A20/M20 from Maidstone both carriageways, towards and away from Dover. Absolutely disgusting continuous accumulation of plastic packaging, bottles, paper, food detritus, half-filled urine containers, etc, etc, the ENTIRE STRETCH of verge, mile after mile. The problem is especially bad at lorry lay-bys, but it is distressing to see so much litter strewn in grass, and wedged in shrubs, trees and branches, as one drives through stunning coastal scenery. The littering is increasing exponentially. A2 Canterbury to Dover is almost as bad, but may be responsibility of local authorities.
19-02-16	Louise	Beasley	M11 - out of stansted airport. Just flew back into the country through stansted and was appalled to see the state of roundabouts and verges. It gives a disgusting view of our beautiful country to visitors. I was appalled a couple of years ago to see the state of southern Italy due to neglect of litter. Our country is now no better. All along the route from London to Peterborough it was the same picture, overflowing bins and rubbish accumulating on verges and roundabouts.
14-02-16	ALVAR	THOMAS	A38 FROM M1 --JUNCTION 28TO DERBY. COPIOUS LITTER ON BOTH CARRIAGEWAYS-AN ABSOLUTE DISGRACE.

11-02-16	Derek	Gilman	M20 - Maidstone - Folkestone. Travelled along this route which is one of the first impressions of England for overseas visitors. What do they see? A central reservation which is deeply encrusted with rubbish. Old roadworks signage frames and cones left over from work long since completed. Some road signs which have not been cleaned for years. Trees and bushes festooned with plastic wrap and carrier bags. Although some superficial effort has been made to clear litter, the major junctions around Ashford look like third world rubbish tips. The Maidstone Services exit (leading to Leeds Castle, a major tourist destination) is appalling. In summary, certain stretches have been given a token clean; the vast majority have not been addressed for years. It is obvious that your contractors are not doing the job required - surely there must be a more advanced technology than a couple of workmen with litter pickers and a black plastic sack? This situation is a sad reflection on this country - and on Highways England for failing to tackle the problem. This is but one example of what is now becoming a major problem throughout the country...we are slowly drowning in a relentless tide of litter. I appreciate that you are not the cause of this, but you seem incapable of sorting it. I await your response with interest!
11-02-16	Rebecca	Dearden	M56, M60 and M62. Just made this journey after returning from Berlin, where the roads are litterless. Disgusting to see the depressing spread of large amounts of rubbish all along our route home. And even worse to think about the other non-British people on our plane who might also be travelling on our roads. How shaming!
10-02-16	Adrian	Brown	The A27 from Arundel through to Worthing including all slip roads are an absolute disgrace with rubbish strewn along the verges and central reservation. This has not been cleaned for at least 6 months and according to Arun District Council will not be cleaned any time soon. It will soon become a health and safety issue. I will also refer the matter to the Sunday Times where I have a contact who is happy to publicise such failings by Highways England.
10-02-16	John	Stingl	The trunk road exiting the M11 northbound onto A11 is absolutely appalling
08-02-16	Helen	Simpson	A11 between M11 and A14 in East Cambridgeshire. The verges are absolutely covered in litter. This is because there are a considerable number of stopping places on this stretch of road and everyone of them as an overflowing rubbish bin - the litter is then being blown along all the grass verges. Now that the area is so horrible fly tipping has also started to occur. It looks awful.

08-02-16	Iain	Ambler	M11 north from Redbridge roundabout to M25 is badly littered on the verge northbound, in particular from Redbridge to Loughton (J5). Please note - this is my 2nd complaint using this new form - I complained about this originally on 1st December and still nothing has been done. I see others (Robert Pickles most recently) have also noted this stretch. To my mind, standards of cleaning are deteriorating on the road network.
08-02-16	Lee	Kearsley	A56 whole section between M66 & M65. Road verges covered in litter. Not helped with all the lay-bys on this section of road having no litter bins. Is it not possible to install some litter bins at these locations and have them collected?
06-02-16	Kate	Brookes-Smith	M25 slip roads at Junction 6. Gatwick Airport entry and exit dual carriageways The litter on the slip roads on to and off the motorway here and as you arrive and leave Gatwick is absolutely appalling, I have reported it before and nothing has been done.
04-02-16	Derek	Gilman	I have recently travelled along the M20 from Sidcup to Maidstone, the Dartford Crossing into Kent and M2 to Sittingbourne and the A2 to/from Dover and am completely lost for words...Swathes of plastic sheeting and cardboard, carrier bags hanging from trees, Highways Agency/road works detritus (cones, sandbags, sign frames), filthy, illegible, broken road signs, lay-bys full of rubbish and piles of litter so deeply embedded that the occasional litter pick, involving one or two workmen with flimsy litter pickers, are unable to rectify. Driving through some stretches is like driving through a rubbish tip and most parts have not been cleaned for years - and if you claim they have, your contractors are NOT doing the job. All this, in the so called 'Garden of England'. God knows what tourists from overseas must think. This is a sad reflection on Highways England. Something has gone drastically wrong and needs to be addressed as soon as possible. I look forward to your response. If this is not forthcoming, I will tale it further with the appropriate Minister(s).
02-02-16	Bridget	James	How depressing. Today I was a passenger in a car traveling along the A27 from Polegate to Hangleton. Much of the road passes through countryside with fine views of the South Downs though wherever I looked there were accumulations of rubbish on the verges, especially plastic. It was especially bad around the Southerham roundabout near the historic town of Lewes. What sort of message does this send out to our overseas visitors. Whoever is responsible for cleaning up, please can they do something about it ASAP.

02-02-16	Gareth	Brace	A14. The litter on this road is disgraceful, I can't imagine what drivers heading back to Continental Europe must think of us. Perhaps we should at least put up some signs apologising for such an awful journey.
01-02-16	angela	evetts	What can I say, there is litter every few metres on most roads, often similar to third world standards. My latest roundabouts and sliproads, motorways, a and b roads, an utter disgrace. I pick up weekly around my own country lanes, but often a losing battle. Makes traveling a depressing chore. Goodluck to anyone who can take on our uk idiots that dump, why are we the worst ?
01-02-16	Gail	Gibbons	A3M South Bound - there are 5 dead foxes on the motorway they have been there since before Christmas decomposing. Its a gruesome sight. There have been workers on the stretch of road where the carcasses are trimming vegetation however they have failed to arrange for the removal of these animals. There also appears to be no reporting facility, that I can find, to notify that they are there. Overall the litter situation as well northbound is still horrendous.
30-01-16	ALVAR	THOMAS	I WISH TO REPORT THE AWFUL STATE OF THE A38 IN STAFFORDSHIRE/DERBYSHIRE. THIS ROAD IS FULL OF LITTER IN THE CENTRAL RESERVATION TO SUCH AN EXTENT, THAT IT RESEMBLES A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY! COULD THIS BE CLEANED AT REGULAR INTERVALS ON SOME FORM OF ROLLING PROGRAMME ARRANGEMENT?
27-01-16	Steven	Dennard	A14 Rugby to Kettering - rubbish in lay-bys. Bins all fallen over in the wind; A45 Wellingborough to Northhampton.
26-01-16	John	Ashford	M54 Land owned by the highway right by the village of Overdale in Telford. Very badly needing a good litter clear up.
26-01-16	Julia	Maltby	The A2 in the vicinity of Canterbury is in a deplorable state as far as litter is concerned. I cannot think what first impressions tourists get when they drive away from Dover up the A2 and M2. Local residents here are thoroughly fed up with the state of the verges on the A2. Foreign lorries have destroyed our lay-bys, churning up the earth where they go beyond the tarmac, trying to get more and more lorries into one lay-by, then leaving all their litter behind and having used the area as a WC..... Perhaps it would be better to close the lay-bys as there is no room for ordinary motorists to park in them anyway!
25-01-16	Ellen	Beadle	A12 from Colchester to London. Hard shoulder & central reservation A120 Bishops Stortford to Braintree A41 M25 past Hemel. Plastic packaging & wrapping from lorries, cans, fast food waste and coffee cups.

24-01-16	Andrew	Bennett	A1(M) Junction 45 Slip Roads, both North and South Bound, exit and entry. Appalling amount of litter, both commercial and domestic.
22-01-16	Steven	Dennard	M1 south of Leicester - Central reservation -awash with litter; A27 between Brighton and Shoreham;
22-01-16	Margaret	Wilson	The verges alongside the A26 down from the Beddingham Roundabout to Newhaven are covered in litter /refuse and large quantities of plastic sheetin..It looks very 3rd World .I have never seen it so bad. I suspect much of it comes from unsecured loads being delivered to the incinerator in Newhaven. It is hard to believe that this is in a National Park and is an AONB.
22-01-16	Georgina	Harris	All major roads through Northamptonshire are a disgrace, so much rubbish. Why don't the powers that be,litter pick when roads are closed for other reasons. They could also empty the litter bins more often and clean the surrounding area in the lay-bys.
21-01-16	Rod	Edwards	Seriously Highways Its Trash
21-01-16	MaryAnn	Sutherland	Backwater valley relief rd Farnborough/Aldershot Hants and Farnham bypass Surrey. I cannot understand why lorries are not covered as I am convinced that a large amount of the rubbish on our roads fall from the back of uncovered vehicles.What idiot orders the verges to be cut before the litter is picked making one piece of rubbish into hundreds.I pick up litter every day!!
21-01-16	Brenda	Vingoe	Disgusting amount of litter from Sun In The Sands junction (Blackheath) all the way to Danson Interchange (Bexley) . I travel this stretch of road quite regularly and to my recollection this part of the A2 has never been cleaned in the last 2 years What a disgrace and this only reflects a small part of a huge problem ! Does anyone care about the problem we have with INCREASING LITTER !!!!
21-01-16	Anthony	Fones	Severe litter problems at slip road of M62 junction 25/26/27 both eastbound and westbound. Problems are particularly bad where traffic is controlled on the slip roads by traffic lights. Drivers obviously throwing litter from cars whilst waiting for lights to change.
20-01-16	CLAY	PITTOCK	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 A249 MAIDSTONE BOUND FROM STOCKBURY TO M20 MAIDSTONE.THIS COUNTRY IS DIRTIER THAN I'VE KNOWN AND WERE NOW THE DIRTY MAN OF EUROPE WHERE I TRAVEL ON A REGULAR BASIS

20-01-16	Paul	Bolton	I am concerned about the continued neglect by Highways England to litter-pick the verges and roundabouts of the A627(M) between Rochdale and Oldham. Frankly they're in a disgusting state and haven't been maintained for years thus allowing detritus to build up year on year
20-01-16	Paul	James	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 of the South Downs. When is someone going to do something about this?
20-01-16	Robert	Pickles	The M11 from Redbridge Roundabout all the way up ... litter everywhere. Just 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?
20-01-16	Julia	Beckreck	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.
20-01-16	Sara	Daw	A303 - ROUTE FROM Wiltshire TO Cornwall.
20-01-16	Myra	Heron	A 404 between Marlow and Maidenhead Thicket Roundabout. I have complained about the litter along this stretch of road before and it was cleared but now 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.
20-01-16	Jackie	Webster	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 on to 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?
18-01-16	Angela	Saccomando	The A38 from j28 of the M1 all the way to the button 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 spike thing. It infuriates me. Make it a £1000 fine or a day litter picking if you get caught.

16-01-16	Ian	Dare	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. Otherwise not too gruesome.
13-01-16	Kenan	Elbeyati	A406 North Circular Road between Hanger Lane and the M1 slip road. Vast majority of verges, slip roads, central reservation is littered. Additionally, on North Circular 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, beneath the bridge, is completely covered in litter. New fences were installed recently, and nobody bothered to clean up the litter even then.
12-01-16	Sandra	Freedon	Very upsetting North circular from new southgate to henleys corner every bus stop either side is disgusting why ? How easy for a person with a broom to clean up ,it's 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)
11-01-16	Michael	Pease	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. More 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 areas. it 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.
08-01-16	Matthew	Conran	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 waste tip. Literally piles of rubbish covering the grass verges, lay-bys and central reservation.
04-01-16	Paul	Wood	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 every few yards. 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 visitors must travel into York along this route and must think we are a bunch of savages. Wouldn't get this in Scandinavia or most of Europe.

01-01-16	Stuart	Campbell	I drive regularly along the A34 from Oxford to Junction 13 of the M40. The amount of litter either side of the West Ilsley junction is, frankly, on a par with some of the roads in Lagos, Nigeria where I work.... This is undoubtedly caused by litter flying out of the, in particular Fred Sherwood, lorries arriving at the Waste Transfer Station.... Precisely who is responsible for removing the litter from the roadside as nobody seems either interested or is doing anything about this disgrace - you would think that someone, somewhere, would have insisted on ensuring that this litter is collected / removed when the Transfer Station was originally authorised...
31-12-15	Emily	Bell	M20 in Kent - Junction 8 - Maidstone Services and Leeds Castle. The junction that tourist use to access the 'the loveliest castle in the world'. What an image! Slip roads coming to and from the M20 littered with the usual bottles, paper and fast food rubbish. The roundabout deliberately left overgrown to hide the litter. The southern link road to the A20 is a delight! Years of litter uncollected in the central reservation and rubbish migrated on the verges and beyond the wired fence area. What a lasting image tourists have of The Garden of England and Leeds Castle. This is one of many areas on the M20 in this condition and nothing changes year on year. As the CEO you are presiding over a national disgrace that you are fully aware of but still side step. Why am I pay taxes to be used on your incompetent contractors? Borderline fraud in my opinion.
31-12-15	Steven	Thompson	A1, pretty much from the A14 all the way up to M62. Every layby was covered in litter which is turn was blowing around the road. Bins were overflowing
30-12-15	C	Bradford	M25 in direction of Dartford Tunnel. The Orpington slip roads in both direction are continually littered ,and roundabout and often the spur road to the motorway.No lighting so easy to dump bags of rubbish. Sign up about litter but has been in the same position for years so has no impact. A2 often messy.
30-12-15	Paul	James	The southern verge and central carriageway of the A27 west of the Southwick Tunnel is in a disgusting state and is heavily littered. Worse still, this section of the A27 is on the edge of the South Downs National Park.

23-12-15	Terry	Dean	<p>M60 Smart Motorway section (under construction) J8 to J20. In May/June 2015 I complained about various aspects of litter to my MP Barbara Keeley. I received an early and comprehensive response from David Brewer Exec Director at HE. In it he says "...we undertake litter inspections once a month..." Elsewhere he says, "Our smart motorway ... undertook a litter clearance before work started on the scheme" They didn't do it very well, if at all, as J13 on slip was not attended to - I watch it most days and much of the litter is the same as it has been for years. The slip from the M602 northbound to M60 appears never to have been touched. He goes on to say, "...the full extent of the accumulated litter only became apparent when a subsequent exercise to cut back the vegetation was completed..." This laughable, and ultimately exhibits dishonesty: If monthly inspections had been carried out, how come they were surprised when the vegetation was cut back ?? He also says that they have 28 days to clear a Code 'D' litter area. I can show him Code D areas throughout the junction slip roads any day he chooses! This part of the M60 is one of the worst motorways I've seen in the country His letter typifies the fact the HE is not in control of the contractors it appoints to clear litter. It would take me two hours each to clear a slip road, in safety. Our motorways are a joke compared the those in other countries, The harm this does to our tourist industry is much greater in financial terms than the cost of litter clearance. Come on, let's have some joined up thinking, some proper action, and NO more platitudes! Terry Dean FICE</p>
21-12-15	james	miller	M25 Junction 6 slipway - Grade D, awful build up of litter
21-12-15	james	miller	M3 J 9 to 6, grade C/D =, no litter removal for a long time.
21-12-15	Annabel	Pearce	All roads are a disgrace. Some that I drive on regularly are the A505 between Hitchin and Luton. The bypass from Stevenage to Hitchin. The A120 and the A12 to Essex. All motorways, slip roads and even country roads are disgusting and I am sick and tired of the people that do it and the fact that it is never cleaned up.
17-12-15	Tom	Parkinson	Dear Sir I would like to complain about the terrible state of the entire length of the M66. The grass verges are covered in litter and do not look to have been cleaned for quite some time. The verges have recently been mown with the litter left in place which has resulted in finely shredded litter covering a wider area! I regularly drive across Europe and can honestly say the UK's road network is the dirtiest. Please resolve this issue before I take this to my local councillor.

16-12-15	Alex	Bell	<p>M2 Junction 2 - all the slips roads and roundabout. What the hell has happened to this junction area! It is an appalling mess of months and months of litter, bottles, tins and paper. Why? What is the private contractor doing? Answer, very little since he is self-monitoring his own low low standards. If your contractors were on a litter bonus the network would be spotless and the best in the world! No doubt you have ample excuses as to why this area is littered, health and safety, lack of access, budget cuts, or 'we must improve on areas such as this in the future' blah blah! It is nothing more than a national scandal allowing public funds to be given to private contractors who are ignoring the law.</p>
12-12-15	Jessica	Chivers	<p>I am a newly elected district councillor and my priority is reducing litter, fly-tipping and verge destruction. We need motorway littering to be taken more seriously and to use cameras to catch and issue FPNs. The North Orbital Road coming from the M1 (J6a)/M25 (J 21) is full of litter. It's a disgrace and not what I want the visitors of St Albans to see as they make their way to our wonderful City.</p>

11-12-15	Rod	Edwards	<p>Dear Jim. I drive approximately 50k miles a year across the UK road network as well as Northern America and Western Europe. I can say with a degree of certainty that the UK has the most appallingly depressing network of all - actually I take that back as I did suffer a comparable experience when I drove in India a couple of years ago. Not only does one have to contend with the ever increasing amounts of traffic and road works every day, but I can only describe the environment as dire. The various amounts of trash that line both the verges and central reservations is frankly disgusting. It is like some hideous generation game where you have to count the various types of trash that line the continuous conveyor belt. Everything from urine filled bottles, shredded tyres, hard hats, various fast food containers and an abundance of plastic sheeting. Unfortunately there is no prize at the end of the game other than a feeling of complete embarrassment at the number of loutish people in this Country and the complete acceptance of the situation and ineptitude of our agencies and lawmakers to deal with the problem. And by the way Jim what's with the habit of cutting the grass before removing the trash? I must remember when I next cut my grass to cover it with an assortment of paper and cans first and then see it spread all over the place as I mow over it. Can we please use a bit of common sense and joined up thinking here? Why not more use of Motorway overhead signs to convey the message to motorists that littering is an offense or like in America instigate an adopt a Motorway scheme. Surely you have the means and common sense to do something practical to improve the situation or are you happy to be the head of a National disgrace? I meet with many business men who use are roads and frankly they are all fed up with the state of them. Maybe you cant free them up so we can get from A to B quickly, but surely you can make the daily chore more enjoyable? PS: Please pick up all of the discarded road signs and cones - they are absolutely everywhere! My pick of the week - the A34.</p>
11-12-15	Julia	Squier	<p>Just driven Cambridge to London; M 11 increasingly filthy the closer to London. I cannot believe the HA contractors for these areas are fulfilling their contracts for clearing the litter? Why aren't they heavily penalised and contracts terminated? This is tax payers money, SO easy to spend by organisations such as HA with apparent impunity.</p>

09-12-15	Karen	Bell	Brenchley Corner slip/Roundabout M2 Kent and A2 Brenchley Corner to Canterbury. Not sure if this is maintained by the HA but the litter along this route is appalling every day, every week, every month. I think this major road is one that nobody really wants, the responsibility is passed onto the local councils and they do litter picking when they feel like it. It's about time all major roads were litter picked by the HA and stop passing the buck. Wished I lived in Germany! The authorities take pride. The HA just make excuses.
08-12-15	Henrietta	Lloyd-Jones	A11 from M11 to A14 central reservation is covered in litter. A14 Newmarket to Saxham is also bad
08-12-15	Justin	*****	I travel regularly on the M5 between junction 21 and 18. The condition of the motorway has been getting increasingly worse over the last few years. Travelling between 8 - 10am and 4 - 7pm daily I have NEVER seen roadside litter clearing. That is until I complained and threatened HE with a litter abatement order, copied in local MPs and the MD of Skanska UK (contract maintenance Co). No surprise then that litter clearing starts within weeks! Is this what it takes? Contractor litter picking doesn't work. The grade A-D standard of inspection is open to abuse and interpretation. Inadequate inspections and poor / no auditing. The motorways are strewn throughout their length with litter. Not just the M5, I see it wherever I go. There is a general failure to manage this problem.
08-12-15	Alice	Blogg	I drove recently from the M25 to Chelmsford on the A12 and was appalled by the state of the road - litter all the way down both sides and in the central reservation. I understand HE is in charge of reminding local authorities of their duty to clean roads - this stretch is in urgent need so please can action be taken ASAP? Thank you.
07-12-15	David	Brooker	M23/A23 near Crawley and Gatwick Airport. Unacceptable amount of litter during recent trips to the airport.
07-12-15	Alice	Blogg	I have recently driven several times round the Eastern side of the M25 - cleaning is better than it has been previously but still patchy. A particularly poor stretch begins before the Erith turn-off (driving anti-clockwise) and continues until the turn-off to the A127 on the north side. Some sections have clearly not been dealt with for an extremely long time and need urgent addressing.

04-12-15	Catherine	Blandford	Junction of M25 and A41 at Kings Langley - shocking amount of litter in the grass verges by the traffic lights, end of slip road from M25 at junction 20. A41 from M25 to Hemel Hempstead - Dacorum Borough Council responsibility but always blaming Highways for not shutting the road to allow litter pick. Grass often cut BEFORE litter pick takes place. Currently flytipped items on the southbound carriageway verge and a load of polystyrene on the north carriageway verge flying about. Flytipped items have been there over 6 months....
04-12-15	Carol	Haigh	As a Canadian, I find all of England's roads appalling! I've written numerous times to councils in London as well as to councils in other parts of the country but I'm lucky if I get an acknowledgement. The amount of litter on the verges and laybys is particularly bad on the A1 (between the M18 and A1081), all of the A406 and all of the slips roads on and off the M1, the M25 and the A12/A127.
04-12-15	Graeme	Rumley	M20 slip road Junction 9 Ashford Kent Westbound. The litter on the side of this slip road is just ridiculous and embarrassing to see. Please attend
04-12-15	Jonathan	Roe	I live in Cheshire and the M6 slip roads are invariably a complete eyesore, particularly junctions 13 and 15. I also often travel down to Warwickshire and the slip roads for junctions 3 of the M42 are also in an appalling state. I regularly travel the M6 and cannot ever recall seeing litter pickers, whereas I have often seen them on the M6 Toll which is very clean (similar to majority of the roads in France and Germany). The significantly cleaner M6 Toll shows that a clean highway is possible to achieve if the issue of litter is taken more seriously. I have also recently written to my local MP on this topic.
04-12-15	Paul	James	The verges of A13 east from the M25 are in an appalling state. I travel this route fairly regularly and have seen no improvement in the volume of litter either east or westbound in the last 12 months. There is even a sofa on the verge of the eastbound carriageway which has been fly-tipped. It's been there over a month.
04-12-15	Avis	Boosey	M11 between M25 to A14 - Does the Highways Agency know this motorway exists! Months and months of uncollected litter in the central reservations which are overgrown. Likewise with the verges, overgrown hiding litter and rubbish. This is what you get for employing private contractors! Time has come to change. You have done every excuse to me under the sun there is nowhere to hide. Please start clearing litter and frequently.

04-12-15	Nathan	Brooks	A46 between Newark and Nottingham. The Newark bypass is rarely litter picked by your contractor why? The newly opened A46 between Newark heading towards Nottingham has large accumulations of litter and clearly demonstrates the lack of frequency cleaning. Why? The A46 roundabout in Newark near the A1 all overgrown littered. Shows just how little your organisation cares about maintenance why?
04-12-15	Brian	Reynolds	A2 west and M2 between Dartford to Chatham. Absolutely fed up with the amount of litter that remains along the verges, slip roads and roundabouts. There is no excuse for this at all. The central reservations are 'cleverly' kept uncut to hide the problem and likewise with the rest of the network. I have had meetings with Area 4 in 2006 and the promises of major improvements were lip service. I have written to Area 4 over this year and told the same rubbish that they 'meet the standards'. The A2 around Gravesend is an embarrassment most of the time. Why is it impossible not to cut all the verges to a close cut standard and litter puck especially the junction at Pepperhill? The verges are overgrown and hide litter! The gutters have year's of road debris. Having been to Germany they take pride in their network and you will not see litter, overgrown verges and definitely no unswept gutter litter and road debris. What the hell is your private contractor doing with taxpayers money? You need to change the culture of your organisation and really start taking the environment and litter seriously.
04-12-15	Brian	Reynolds	Darenth Interchange - A2 - M25. What a disgusting lack of litter picking. The roundabout is constantly at Grade D and the embankments simply looking like landfill. I have complained for years about this area and nothing changes. What is the problem?
03-12-15	Mike	Coker	I frequently use the A41. From start to finish both sides and the central reservation are covered with litter. Along with a few fly tipping spots. Half hearted attempts are made to clean it about once a year. Clearly this is not enough.
03-12-15	Michael	Orpin	Sliproad off M25 Northbound Junction 31. I believe that many people driving by concentrating of the road ahead miss the fact that the roadsides (rather than the roads themselves) are littered with rubbish and refuse. I feel there should be regular road surveys 'with more than 1 person' in a vehicle to identify problem areas. Many junctions with lights (where traffic have to stop) and laybys are a magnet to litterbugs, these areas in particular should be checked.

03-12-15	Rachel	Bell	A27 and A23 in Sussex are always in a disgusting state! Sometimes it feels that you are driving through landfill. What makes it worse is they mow the roadside before picking up the litter, cutting the plastic into millions of pieces it's completely nonsensical!!!!
02-12-15	Hilde	Bartlett	Having driven this morning on the M3, coming off at Jct 3 to Lightwater, I regret to say that there is litter on the slip road and the roundabout above the M3, that I have seen there for absolutely months: plastic bottles, paper, cardboard and a badly bent over post for a pedestrian crossing, which no doubt does not work any more. Please, please, please, can this be cleared up and repaired.
02-12-15	Robert	Pickles	The litter on our road network is absolutely appalling and disgusting ... there is not enough space here to list all the roads. Some are worse than others, but all are acute and a very sad indictment of society and how we have let the litter bugs 'win'. Something needs to be done ASAP.
02-12-15	Michael	O'Shea	Overall state disgraceful. If he is not capable of keeping the roads clean, the Chief Executive should resign immediately and let someone take the job who is. Unless he is choosing to leave our roads in such an appalling state. Does nobody care about litter ?
02-12-15	John	Walker	I live in the Lake District which in comparison to the rest of the country is reasonably clean though not without its problems (i pick litter up off the fells most weekends). As you travel down the M6 the problem becomes more acute however to the point where it is horrendous. Without some kind of lead from the government it will never be addressed. It's only you travel abroad you realise how depressing it is to see on the daily commute. If teams only cleaned twice a year it would be some kind of start.
02-12-15	joan	thompson	the roads in avonmouth and the high ways on the m5 north but it's all over the place bristol weston i see a lot of these frames about and as i said it's a waste of money and a mess.. thankyou mrs thompson
02-12-15	Adrian	Rudd	I Drive all over East Anglia, it doesn't seem to matter what road i drive on it's in a filthy state. The worst areas I've been in are Essex the A13 Benfleet, you can't see the grass verge it's covered with litter. And then I saw these idiots cutting the grass verge shredding the litter all over the place, shorly with the best will in the world you pick the litter up first ? Also A12 Colchester, A120 to Harwich,A133 to Clacton is bad. Cambridge Area is also bad A14 from Newmarket to Cambridge, A10 to Ely is also in a bad state, especially near the refuge site.

01-12-15	Trevor	Mepham	Generally, the state of litter on many roads in England, including motorway access and exit junctions is dreadful. Specifically, the M3 junction to Woking and Lightwater and the M4 junctions around Bristol are very poor. In many parts of Europe this problem has been cracked or is under control, so why do we have such decadent, litter-strewn roads?
01-12-15	Tim	Odell	This is re junction 11 of the M20. The roundabout and roadsides are regularly blighted with litter from lorries. I have seen some improvement in the last 6 months, but it seems to be getting worse again, especially after any Stack event. This is prime tourism territory and cannot present a good image to anyone driving locally or London bound on the M20 and it is a shame to see such a lovely natural area spoiled with trash.
01-12-15	Geoff	Sargeant	A38 from M1 J28 to DerbyVirtually the whole length is once again covered in litter on the verges on both sides . The lay-bys are especially bad. It would seem that it only gets cleaned about once a year. Virtually all roads in N. Derbyshire are a disgrace , the country roads seem to have been completely abandoned, and never seem to get cleaned. Very depressing & sad . PLEASE do something about it. !
01-12-15	Hilde	Bartlett	I frequently travel a section around the M25, coming off at Jct 20. The litter on the slip roads on an off the motorway has been appalling for many years. Old road work signs have not been cleared away when the job had finishes, litter in the shrubberies and metal bits and pieces. Regrettably I always travel on my own, so am unable to take photographs of proof.
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01-12-15	Iain	Ambler	I regularly use the M11 (the stretch both north and southbound between the A406 and the M25). The roadside verges are infrequently cleaned and often badly littered. As well as the usual cans, plastic bags etc there are often larger things from commercial vehicles. The central reservation appears never to get cleaned. I cannot understand why Highways England does not more aggressively pursue its contractors to clean these verges much more frequently.

01-12-15	Peter	Martin	I travelled along the A120 to the M11, up the M11 to J3 of the A14 (and back) the weekend of Nov 28/29. Generally speaking I was pleasantly surprised (by our low UK standards) with the state of the roads and there had been some evidence of recent litter picking on the M11. However, the state of the verges (side and centre) between J23 and 21 of the A14 and the area around the junction with the A1 are appalling. Equally the stretch of the A14 between J18 and J5 is generally poor especially the old chestnut of the central reservation areas.
29-11-15	Ian	Dare	Motorways: M1 J25-23A: reasonable; M42 J11-J9: poor, especially around J10; M42 J11-J1: reasonable; M5 J4A-11A: reasonable to good. Trunk roads (not sure if all HA responsibility): A42 from M1 J23A to M42: good; A417 between M5 & Cirencester: good.
28-11-15	Gail	Mills	The A13 from Kent into London and Essex has the worst amount of litter I have ever seen and in all my weekly journeys to Essex along the A13 I have never seen anyone clear it. WHY IS THAT AND WHEN WILL IT BE CLEARED. The A2 to London is actually much worse so I have no faith in the Highways England Network.
26-11-15	Eryk	P.	M3- J3 (Both ways)- Disaster!
25-11-15	Susie	Boyce	I use the A14 a great deal and it is usually covered in litter.
25-11-15	sarah	Hope	The rubbish on the A 11 between Stansted and Newmarket, especially the northern part of this stretch has been diabolical for the last 5 years. Complaints to South cambs seems to fall on deaf ears - everyone blames contractors or other people for this constant detritus - PLease could someone take this one and clear it up. Disgusting.
24-11-15	Steve	Hickson	A couple of weeks ago I joined the M25 at junction 4 (A21 via M25 sour road). The slip roads into the M25 weren't in a great state, lots of accumulated litter, a lot of it matted into the undergrowth and roadside foliage. This is a very small part of a much larger issue, our road network is unclean, unkept and uncared for, the roadside litter is appalling. Recently I drove through northern France and the difference in cleanliness was astounding, the difference is: they care.
24-11-15	Jan	Wilson	I LIVE IN TEWKESBURY, AND THE M5, ALL OF IT ,IS DREADFUL, PLUS MANY OTHER ROADS ,IN THE COUNTY ARE ALSO A DISGRACE. I AM A FREQUENT USER OF MANY MOTERWAYS IN ENGLAND, AND I HAVE YET TO SEE A CLEAN ONE,WHAT A TERRIBLE STATE OF AFFAIRS.

24-11-15	Julia	Squier	Driving into London from M11 to A 13, the verges are filthy with rubbish in varying degrees of decomposition, so obviously not cleared for a long time. The M11, particularly on slip roads and around Stansted (great advert for UK for incoming tourists)is moderately dirty. The A1(I've just driven Cambridge to Thirsk) is variable and particularly bad in many lay-bys and central reservations where the grass has been cut. Also, when in inevitable traffic jam, and stationary in inside lane, the volume of trash at close quarters is phenomenal.
23-11-15	Stuart	Clay	I am a frequent traveller on the M11 in Cambridgeshire. The amount of litter along this stretch of road is unacceptable. The grass verges and particularly the central reservations are blighted by large accumulations of litter. Accumulations which have sat there for months and months. It's an all too familiar and depressing sight, whatever road you travel on nowadays, all of them are 'corridors of waste '.
24-11-15	James	Miller	M3 J9 roundabout grade D litter