

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

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- 29-03-16 Andy Cumming The A13 in Essex is appalling and strewn with litter along it's whole length. Junctions are always bad where cars stop at roundabouts and on slip roads but add to this the litter which pours out of the many "recycling" lorries (environmentally friendly apparently) which frequent this road and you basically have a rubbish dump. Not on your map but the A127 in Essex is also a disgrace and even with recent road closures to resurface the highway, no attempts were made to clear up. It is not just Essex though, a trip to Bristol today also highlighted much of the M25 and M4 having similar issues. Much of the litter is just pure laziness and ignorance of drivers and passengers that think nothing of discarding their trash through open windows. Can there not be more policing or effort from the government to make people aware? Perhaps target school children who can then tell their parents of the affect this has on the environment.
- 29-03-16 Steve Hickson Used the A11 from the M11 and A14 through Suffolk yesterday. The litter is quite frankly absolutely appalling, I'm shocked at how dirty the verges and lay-bys are. Quite clearly the local authorities aren't doing anything to clean these roads or try and keep them litter-free. Something is seriously wrong somewhere within the local authorities for these roads to get to this condition. This is a huge issue throughout our country and no-one in Authority seems to give a damn.
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29-03-16	Steven Thompson	A406 slip roads waterworks roundabout A2 from kid brook to m25 All disgusting and dangerous with rubbish blowing around
28-03-16	Harry Cavanagh	The roadside along the M602 in Manchester is blighted with litter. A major transport route in and out of the city giving awful impressions to visitors. Truly shocking if you could see it.
28-03-16	Jane Goodger	All the motor ways (M25, M23, A1) and main roads I travel on are covered in litter. I travel weekly on the A1 and M25 between Woking Surrey and Spalding Lincolnshire. The A1 between the M25 and Alconby is absolutely disgusting. I recently complained to HE and was erroneously referred to the local council and then was contacted by Connect Plus. They said that a team would respond in the next week (to the M25/A1 slip road which was particularly bad - see - https://youtu.be/JFW5fAFUlk4). After 2 months and a number of chases a section of litter was cleared on the slip road. The rest of the litter spots remain. See links below for particularly bad https://youtu.be/dEdAXuScu2M https://youtu.be/tZQe7XUhouM https://youtu.be/X6LN4JWJD8c https://youtu.be/rHfvRbqUQkM
27-03-16	Malcolm Wood	Most of the M20 from Maidstone to Dover and back again is full of litter, the verges, embankments, central reservation and slip roads. Where the M20 turns into the A20 at the tunnels near Folkestone, it actually looks like a waste tip and is truly disgusting. No cleaning has taken place since Operation Stack and Highways England and the councils responsible for the A20 are completely incompetent and show no willingness to clear the litter.
27-03-16	Nicky Binder	I travelled on the A13 from East London through Thurrock..... On Friday, March 25th. The amount of rubbish STILL there was an embarrassment to be honest. It paints a sorry picture of apathy and total lack of value by the relevant Council (Thurrock?) in relation to caring for the environment. What needs to be done to actually get someone in Thurrock to see this as a real problem? Shame on you all for your inactivity.

27-03-16 Sandra Yallop

A11 A14 Cambridge - Newmarket - Cringleford (Norwich) AND A47 Cringleford to Longwater Retail Prk exit (Norwich) Litter Everywhere you look. Plastic sheeting and plastic bags in the trees and hedgerows and bottles and cans more plastic sheets all along the verge as far as the eye can see! Ive been driving for many years and have never seen such a shameful amount of litter along a single stretch of road. Disgusting and thoroughly depressing. So much so thinking about relocating out of the district because of the litter! The state of the road surface itself is good but it is the banks of rubbish running alongside the road that unfortunately distracts and holds everyones attention for all the wrong reasons!

26-03-16 T Pitchers

I have noticed in recent years how appalling the litter is on certain stretches of roads in the UK and it seems to get worse and worse with nobody in government seeming to take the problem seriously. Basically every motorway seems to have stretches with litter all over the place. Roads I have noticed it on recently include M6 M69, M50, A40 between Ross on Wye and Newport, junction 23a on M1. However today (26th April 2016) when I visited Wolverhampton, when I left the M6 at junction 10 I had the misfortune to drive on a road which really took the biscuit. From the moment I left the motorway and till I reached the area round the town centre it was like being in the 3rd world! The roads looking on the map are the Black Country way and Keyway. I don't think those roads have been cleaned since the Olympics! I am not a moaning Minnie by any stretch of the imagination but this is an embarrassment.

- 26-03-16 Leanne Holroyd A1(M) leeds, sheffield, peterborough (well the whole thing really) A14 cambridge The actual journey we took was from Leeds to Cambridge along the A1 and A14. I am not exaggerating when I say that the litter lined the sides of the motorways and did not seem to have a break. The only breaking was my heart at the sight of it. I simply cannot believe that humans treat this planet with such disrespect. I can't help but feel our motorways mean the wildlife living around them are suffering quite badly, with carrier bags lining almost every tree and heaps of what look like recyclable bottles and cans everywhere. I have noticed fly tipped mounds on the A14 around the Bar Hill Area and also Lolworth lately too which stays in place for months on end until it blows away or decomposes. I find this shameful and wrong when we have so many recycling centres around the UK. I would be more than happy to conjoin with a group and physically help remove some of the rubbish but feel the highways agency and the local councils should be doing their bit too.
- 26-03-16 Patricia Jones Travelling last week south down the A1 between Blyth and Newark I was appauled by the large amount of litter on the side of the road, especially near Tuxford. The road side looked worse than a tip and is totally unacceptable. Urgent attention is required by Notts. County Council to sort it out....
- 26-03-16 Julia Draper Haven't used the A46 going north from Bath for some months. Shocked at the litter left and right on the main trunk road to one of the country's tourist hotspots. Would clear up myself if I thought I wouldn't get mashed by a car. Come on people, get a grip. Green and pleasant... er, no... on second thoughts.
- 26-03-16 PAUL LYNCH A1M between Ashwell and Hatfield - the litter that has accumulated on the central reservation is a disgrace.

- 25-03-16 Ian Dare Following some recent journeys I can report that most of the motorways I used varied from good (obviously recently cleaned) to OK, and very bad. The bad bits are: A1(M) round Newcastle, M6 through Birmingham, M42 around A5 junction, seemingly anywhere in-between slip roads, the A38 to M1 J28. In almost all cases, junctions are the worst: roundabouts, slip roads, etc. It is also irritating to see much old debris from road works lying around: old sign frames, cones, lamps, sandbags etc - surely it's incumbent on the contractor to leave a clean site ? Also much overgrown verges: long grass, saplings, brambles - all places for litter to get stuck in. Why can't ALL our motorways be like the always immaculate M1-A1 Link in Yorkshire ? Maintained by a private company - Connect Roads - who shows it can be done. They also do a fair job on the A50, too.
- 25-03-16 Tim Odell Hello - the M20 Kent around junction 11 is constantly plagued by litter, especially the roundabout. I have seen some efforts to keep up with it, but there is still a huge problem. Another severely blighted area is the A20 between Folkestone and Dover - absolutely disgusting when I was driving it the other day. I realise that this is not the government's fault, but until they come up with an effective set of policies (advertising - I suggest getting David Beckham to endorse not littering; refunds on drinks containers which has been very successful elsewhere) it is a health and environmental hazard not fitting of a developed country.
- 25-03-16 Anita Rosser Most motorways in the UK! I travel for my job and there isn't a motorway that doesn't have litter at the side of it. I've noticed that tree branches have sheets of plastic and paper caught in them, because they have been blown from the backs of lorries and trucks. It is horrible to see.
- 24-03-16 Kevin Delaney A month after I complained about litter blighting the laybys on the southbound A30 in Surrey approaching M25 jct 13, the filth is still there. There are no bins, and the rubbish, apparently dumped by truck drivers, just keeps on piling up.
- 24-03-16 Chris Leese A14 on the section from M1 to Cambridge along the entire length is the worst I have ever seen in my entire motoring career in uk and overseas. Quite shocking

- 24-03-16 Tim Bush
 Travelled recently around Thurrock and Tilbury. M25 / A13. The roadsides are full of litter and obvious are tied up carrier bags of rubbish that are dumped by lorry drivers or just thrown out of their windows. Like others who make these comments i drive on the Continent a fair bit and cant understand why for 100s of miles there is no litter to be seen. Bottles, & cans in Germany have a deposit so this simple measure ensures they arent discarded and are always returned, if not by the purchaser then by someone else who'd like €0.50 for an empty plastic bottle. Why cant we do this in the UK?! It would drastically, drastically reduce litter in the UK and litter on the roads. I feel ashamed that visitors to the UK from Continental Europe have to witness the rubbish along the M20, M2, M25 and then seemingly most other UK roads.
- 24-03-16 christine Gandy
 M4 between Maidenhead and Newbury, and A34 south of Newbury. I am ashamed to take foreign visitors on this route. The Maidenhead junction is a slum, as is Junction 13 at Newbury. I maintain that litter attracts litter - I travel these roads frequently and they have not been cleared for as long as I can remember.
- 24-03-16 wendy hudson
 M26 M20 (especially Detling Hill) A249 A299, SURREY,KENT, DRIVING BACK FROM GATWICK AIRPORT THE VERGES WERE DISGUSTING AND FULL OF LITTER, THE COUNTRYSIDE LOOKED LIKE A RUBBISH TIP .W.HUDSON
- 24-03-16 jamie may
 A27 eastbound towards Lewes. Travelled here yesterday and it was the worst case of roadside litter I have seen! It went on for miles and clearly was so deep that it hadn't been attended to for ages.

24-03-16	Deborah Dear	I travel daily on the A2 between Canterbury and the Brenely Corner roundabout, the Thanet Way from this point to Herne Bay and Canterbury Road A291 and Shallock Road, running down from the A291 to Broadoak Road in Canterbury. All of the verges on these roads are in an absolutely despicable state, strewn with rubbish, from cans, bottle, paper, to disgarded traffic cones, and signs. The trees are strewn with plastic wrapping. It is just not good enough. We are supposed to be living in the Garden of England here in Kent, but it looks more like the local rubbish tip. When is something going to be done about this. If it is a funding issue, surely people that are on community service could be 'employed' by the relevant people to help clear this rubbish. The problem seems to be that everyone who should be dealing with it is passing the buck and in turn we the Council Tax payers are having to put up with this dreadful sight that doesn't reflect at all well on the UK
23-03-16	Andy Butcher	A27 from shoreham to Lewes along ALL Grass verges the litter is disgraceful. This road runs right next to the South Downs. There is tonnes of plastic, wrappers etc. It must be time for a clean up, it's embarrassing.
23-03-16	Lieselotte Farnham	All of the A10 is littered, but the hospots are the central reservation south and north of the Hertford roundabout. It is practically a dump.
23-03-16	DAVID CITCHLEY	I TRAVEL THE NORTH WEST MOTORWAY NETWORK EVERY DAY I AM AMAZED WITH THE AMOUNT OF LITTER AT EACH MOTORWAY INTERSECTION JUST PILED UP AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD IS A DISGRACE TO THE COUNTRY WHY IS THIS LITTER NEVER CLEARED HIGHWAYS AGENCY ENGINEERS SHOULD IMMEDIATLEY LOOK AT THIS PROBLEM AND PLAN FOR A CLEAN UP OF THESE AREAS ASAP
23-03-16	Lynne Wilkins	I travel on the A350 from Chippenham to Corsham everyday - the amount of litter on the sidesof the road is significant. When will this be addressed?
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23-03-16	Katie Rees	<p>I travelled from Llandeilo to Brighton last weekend (19th/20th March 2016) and I cannot believe the amount of litter along the verges of the M4. It really does line the entire route, and seems to be made up primarily of plastic, be it bottles, bags, sweet wrappers, food wrappers and even pieces that have obviously come from cars (bumpers/hub caps). It looks really awful, and I cannot remember ever seeing it looking this bad. What can be done about it? Do you need volunteers to help with clearing? I do not mind offering as a volunteer, I just want to see something getting done about it. This amount of plastic could easily end up in waterways and the oceans and frankly we do not need more plastic accumulating in the oceans. This is a serious issue, and it seems it's getting worse not better. I have noticed that in Crosshands where they have opened yet another fast food chain the litter surrounding it is getting worse. Are there any groups or organisations who I can contact regarding this?</p>
23-03-16	Elizabeth WIMBLE	<p>M4 Between London and Exit 14 Hungerford - Both East and Westbound. The litter is a disgrace. Especially bad where contractors have been working and on the slip roads off the Motorway Exit 14 is an example.</p>
23-03-16	Robert Pickles	<p>There seems to be complete apathy and buck passing when it comes to who is responsible for clearing litter from our roadsides. I've complained numerous times about litter in East London and Essex, to Redbridge Council, Newham, Essex, City of London and others without any success whatsoever. The litter just keeps piling up. Surely this is illegal on their part to simply take no notice?</p>
23-03-16	Carl Slatter	<p>M5 junction 18 avonmouth All slip roads on and off motorway and roads leading to the two roundabouts into shirehampton/avonmouth are full of litter!! Looks an eyesore!!</p>
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23-03-16	Mark Harwood	<p>The A27 dual carriageway between Chichester and Emsworth</p>
23-03-16	Lesley Stewart	<p>M4 Swindon Junction 16, the littler coming off the M4 on to the slip road is appalling, any idea on who I can complain to locally? My email is l.yates780@btinternet.com</p>

- 23-03-16 Susan Meynell A13 approaching London M11 and A11 particularly around areas where there are roadside mobile food vans The approach to the roundabout entering the M25 at the junction from the A4 coming from London. All these areas are strewn with litter and plastic fluttering from the adjacent bushes. There is little point in planting a wonderful show of daffodils (A13 approaching London) if the verges are full,of debris.
- 23-03-16 John Watson A38 Devon from Exeter to Plymouth (inc A379 link from Exeter city to A38). This road is strewn with litter, mostly windblown plastic, from end to end. A lot of effort has been made by whichever authority to manage the verges for wildlife which is much appreciated but the amount of litter entirely spoils the enjoyment of the flowers now starting to bloom. Why can the authority not work with the waste transfer industry where I suspect much of this litter derives to pick it up regularly. The South West is about to receive a huge influx of visitors for the Easter holidays, we are all shamed by the mess they will be faced with for mile after mile. The A38 to Exeter is my daily commute and I am distressed everyday by the litter, and the apparent indifference of agency staff who are presumably well aware of the mess but do nothing about it.
- 23-03-16 Jo Froggett M20 Dover to Maidstone, the level of litter scattered along the length of the motorway, which increased dramatically after operation stack last summer, is disgusting. The levels are even worse at all on-off slip roads, which are often used for overnight parking by HGV's (illegal?) In some places you would be forgiven for thinking that you had driven through the local landfill site. A lot of local people are prepared to help clear the slip roads, as a matter of community pride, something that we shouldn't have to do when paying £000's a year in taxes. Where is the pride in your department to provide a service to the users of the road network, whatever happened to "Keep Britain Tidy". Catch the litter louts and have them clear the mess they have created.
- 23-03-16 Carole Mandeville I refer to the A249 link from the M2 and M20. It's in a terrible state with litter hanging from trees and a carpet of rubbish strewn along the verges. I refer to the link roads on to and off the A251 linking the M2 at Faversham. These look as if they have never been cleaned and look awful. Some of the M2 has now been cleaned, thank goodness.

23-03-16	Peter Snow	A14 litter. My wife and I are appalled at the state of accumulated rubbish along the A14 from the M1/6 junction to Newmarket. In some laybys there are bins that are overflowing and numerous areas have plastic bottles that obviously contain human waste discarded from passing traffic. I am ashamed that our highways are in this state. What sort of message does this convey to visitors to this country. Shame on those that are in a position to rectify this unacceptable situation but do nothing.
23-03-16	Susan Campbell	A14 - Alconbury to Cambridge. I travel this 4 days a week and the amount of rubbish in laybays and verges is appalling
23-03-16	John Flynn	A1 (north) from Retford (Notts) to Ferrybridge (Yorks). We make this journey frequently and are due to make it again for Easter. Verges have been more solidly littered for the last 2 years than at any time over the last 25 years. Sections of roadworks have been completed recently near Retford, which might have been a chance to safely litterpick. I will report cleaned verges if we see them and it is obvious that something has happened. Q : Am I alone in hardly ever seeing people throw litter out of their vehicle windows-but I see the verges of A roads more littered these days than they used to be? I believe that the agencies responsible for the hedgerows and the verges have stopped litterpicking. Politically, the agencies must have the energy to harass the wealthy Chancellor Osborne to demand ring-fenced money to solve this public national embarrassment across many roads. All blame for excuses about shortage of money lies with the current Chancellor.
22-03-16	Barbara Bentley	The Aire Valley trunk road in North Yorkshire will be used in the Tour de Yorkshire next month. There will be competitors from all over Europe taking part. The verges of this highway are covered with litter. What sort of impression does this give to the rest of Europe? We are a dirty little nation - unless somebody takes control!!
22-03-16	Sarah Osborne	I am contacting you with regard to the shocking level of litter on UK roads and motorways. The problem is getting worse and worse and I some drastic cleaning up needs to be carried out, and sustained. Please can you tell me what, if anything is being done about this blight on our land?

22-03-16	Colin Heighton	M1 motorway from Leicester to the Lutterworth exit A disgusting litter strewn section with both sides of the carriageway and central reservation in a filthy state Whoever is responsible for cleaning this section should be dismissed for failure to to carry out their responsibilities
22-03-16	Vanessa Dent	The A20/M20 out of and into Dover is an ABSOLUTE DISGRACE. Detritus, food packaging, plastic bottles, urine containers...especially, but not exclusively, in and around laybys. The entire verge is one continuous rubbish-strewn mess. Disgusting. A2 Dover to and from Canterbury...an equally disgusting build-up of flapping plastic bags, building materials, food packaging, and other litter. We are reaching the point of no return with all this litter. It is blowing on to adjacent farmland, into connecting roads, caught in trees. Revolting. It is almost too extensive to clear thoroughly, now. What on earth is going on?
22-03-16	David Baxter	The slip road at junction 8/9 M 4 going towards London is full of litter and the motorway is also full of it. It looks as if nothing has been done to clear it for a considerable time. It is a blight on the countryside and the Country. I am disgusted by the people who do this. We have got to catch these people and fine them .
22-03-16	Paul Wilsher	The slip road from the M25 onto the M20 heading towards the the coast is strewn with litter. It is an embarrassment that this type of mess is so prevalent, please take action to clear it as soon as possible, many thanks.
22-03-16	Trevor Dilley	A43 Between Higham Ferrers and Northampton must be the most polluted stretch of highway in the Country.Most of the rubbish is being left by the team's of maintenance workers .absolutely disgusting!!!.
22-03-16	Pippa Drysdale	A34 from M40 turn off to Newbury. Disgusting litter everywhere, bits of plastic sheeting, cans and bits of plastic, this is the most revolting piece of road I have seen for a long time. You need an army of litter pickers and more people policing the area. The beautiful English countryside is ruined.

- 22-03-16 Erica Jackson I am horrified and depressed every day that I drive on the Cambridgeshire roads as they are all without exception cluttered with litter and there are plastic bags hanging from the trees and bushes. It spoils my drive and I am embarrassed for England that we have this situation. We are becoming a disgusting nation. I am also very concerned for the wildlife that must be being impacted upon by the building rubbish. Why is it not being picked up? The A14 is particularly bad and the adjoining slip roads but this is not by any means the only one - so many of the road sides are the same. Please do as you are supposed to be doing and keep these roads free of litter.
- 22-03-16 andrew gates Where do I start?? All appalling, but locally and the ones I use. SOUTH CARRIAGEWAY OF M11 from Bishops Stortford to Woodford. North stretch of A14 and A11 running from Saffron Walden to Newmarket. These are just a very few of the terrible roads in my area
- 22-03-16 Barbara Bentley I traveled along the M65 and the M66 on Friday and saw that the verges on both sides were littered with fast food containers, plastic bottles and large plastic bags. What a scruffy country we have become.
- 22-03-16 Amanda Flude I have been driving round the country frequently recently and I have been shocked and saddened by the accumulation of litter and general rubbish on the verges of the roads– it is disgusting! The problem is apparent all over the country and appears to be becoming more and more severe, in some areas you feel as though you are almost drowning in it! Major roads I have driven on recently with this problem are; (and this is only the roads I have been on) A23, A2, A14, A52, A14, A47, A1, A299 The junction roundabout of the M6/ M58 - seems to have a dual usage as a rubbish tip! I have contacted my local MPs, regarding the grass verges on the major roads in my local area in particular the A23, and A27 as they are an absolute disgrace, there is so much litter in some places that there is nothing else visible. This litter is not only unsightly but causes problems to wildlife, and is an environmental hazard. Isn't it time that we started to encourage pride in our country. This is a great place to live with an interesting past and a colourful present, and it welcomes so many different people.

- 22-03-16 Ian Morgan The whole network: motorways; A & B roads are a disgrace. It's a sad indictment on the UK that we have so many thoughtless, arrogant half-wiits who discuard litter form their vehicles. Just as sad indictment that there is no national or government will to clean it up ON A REGULAR BASIS. Just looking at the state of our roads we could be confused as a third world nation.
- 22-03-16 Paul Hunt A453 (Remembrance Way), Nottinghamshire. Badly littered only after less than a year of being re-opened. A50, badly littered near the intersection of the M1through to the Sawley Junction. Parts of this stretch have not been de-littered for at least 5 years. The A38 from the Toyota Jct to the Branston Jct is the most disgusting stretch of road I have encountered in many years. The litter on the slip road at Toyota has to be seen to be believed. Please rectify this situation as soon as possible in accordance with legal duties.
- 22-03-16 Ian McIlvanney M67 Junction 1 slip road Denton. Heavily littered! Photo available!
- 22-03-16 Mike Coker I travel frequently along the M25 between the M40 and M11. The amount of litter is truly unbelievable. Sadly most UK roads now seem to be like this.
- 22-03-16 David G***** What is it about litter in this country. The only country in the world where it is worse is India. Are HE even bothered ? The A3 slip onto the M25 is never clean.
- 22-03-16 Mark Godfrey I have never seen so Litter / Rubbish. In all my life it is disgusting , I feel so ashamed & Angry how this once beautiful country has turned into a huge rubbish tip especially on the A13 near to Wennington , Essex all the way up to the Lakeside turn off , also the A13 near A406 turn off about 3 miles full of litter . To be honest most of our motorways are full of Litter especially near to the town's . I am so ashamed of our country & the people who now live in it they just do not care ! . Why is this country now so filthy & dirty ? Other countries in Europe is not like this .
- 22-03-16 Paul Wright Just travelled on A35 and littered state on verges absolutely overwhelming and totally disgusting for complete length. Littered state of all of Highways England network I have travelled are a complete disgrace and embarrassment. I know many visitors from overseas who are similarly disgusted at

		extent of littering. We have a lot to learn from Continental Europe of how they manage to keep their highways clean.
22-03-16	Denise Langley	This is the second time I have reported rubbish on stretch of A1 from Stamford to Newark and the A46 Newark-Lincoln. Judging by the amount of complaints I have just read through I am totally wasting my time. Maybe if the Queen or Barack Obama were travelling this route something would be done. I'm ashamed and disgusted with the rubbish on our roads.
21-03-16	Alex Adams	A23 between Crawley and Brighton and A27 Brighton by-pass (between Shoreham and Lewes is horrendous at the moment. There are large objects as well large amounts of general rubbish.
20-03-16	David Sleight	I live near the A14 in Northamptonshire and travel from the Catthorpe interchange upto junction 8 and back frequently. The condition of the verges along both lengths is quite disgusting! Why has it been left for so long? There's litter bins in some lay-bys but these have fallen over and the litter from them has added to the mess! Is this due to more govenment cut backs? What is being done to clear it?
20-03-16	Wayne Elliott	A3049/A35 near Poole. Roadsides are disgusting. Litter everywhere, it is unacceptable and you need to do your job.
20-03-16	David Seward	The M1 junction with M25 is a disgrace , as is the M25 at junction 26 to 27 . It is easier to list the motorways and A roads that are clear than those that are not . I believe this to be a national crisis and shame . It seems to be grossly under resourced or spectacularly poorly managed .
20-03-16	Clint Gumbley	Junction 4 slips on M65 are covered in litter and debris. Its a disgrace to see them in such a condition. My car windscreen was damaged as a result of litter being flicked up which has been there some time. When I complained to Highways England I was told it was not their responsibility, only the live running lanes were a concern to them. Not good enough !
20-03-16	Kate Evans	A14 between Cambridge and M6 interchange - extremely high levels of litter beside the road. This is indicative of our experience travelling on a wide range of major routes in recent months.

19-03-16	Amanda gentile	A3 between Haslemere to Guildford, both sides of the roads and the central reservation is full of litter: old tyres, plastics bags and plastics bottles. It looks absolutely disgusting, not fitting with Surrey being an area of outstanding beauty.
19-03-16	geoffrey darling	The A27 and A23 and the A3 in Surrey in Sussex have become rat infested litter bins. I understand that this is because HE have transferred responsibility for trunk road litter to the local authorities who do not have the resources or equipment to deal with it. It is an absolute disgrace and, I as your employer, want to know when you are going to deal with the problem.
18-03-16	Jessie Skinner	We travelled between our home in Westcliff on sea and Kent via the Dartford Bridge, yesterday. 17/3/2016 The A13 between Stanford le hope and the Dartford Bridge turn off is absolutely disgusting. I have never seen such a revolting, putrefying, mess. The hedgerows were strewn with plastic bags and sheet plastic, the ground with cartons, bottles coffee cups and general litter. It was appalling, the worst I have ever seen, quite nauseating.
18-03-16	Lesley Chaddock	A11 from Dartford Tunnel sections before j38 - incredible amount of rubbish
18-03-16	Paul Walker	A1 and A14 between Newark and Cambridge, appalling quantities of litter, grass cut but no obvious attempts to clear rubbish. Overall state of rubbish on trunk roads appalling, how is it so different in Germany and France?
18-03-16	sandra clarke	A14 (Northants and Cambridgeshire) the amount of accumulated rubbish is a disgrace and a danger to wildlife. Huge amounts of litter along the road sides and plastic in the roadside trees and bushes.

18-03-16	Martin Penhallow	M1 north and south bound between 21 and 15. True may disgraceful state especially at junction 15 slips. A5 from Hinkcly to DIRFT. The roadside verges and lay-bys along the entire length of this busy trunk road are appauling dirty. No litter picking has been done for at least two years. This has resulted in an accumulation of disguardd rubbish in the lay-bys that is a real health hazzard. The lay-bys in DIRFT itself are like rubbish tips. The problem continues alm the way down toTowcester along the A5 with disguardd rubbish in the lay-bys in both direction and the road side in a terrible state. A14 between the M1 and Ketteriing in both direction is again in an appauling state. Rubbish all along the verges, lay-bys in an appauling state making the whole place a health hazzard. Both the A5 and 14 are compounded by the fact that litters bins are not emptied left laying every where and allowed tone tipped over blowing the litter everywhere. It is the job of this agency to keep our highways, clean and safe. Neither is being done!!
17-03-16	william lawson	m25 junction 26 waltham abbey both slip roads are a disgrace full of litter also the surrounding roads the road signs you cant see them for dirt they have not been cleaned or checked for well over a year ,its an accident waiting to happen
16-03-16	Sharon Perry	M20 junction 10 coast bound slip road is absolutely discusting I have never seen so much rubbisht in all my life
16-03-16	Alistair Stewart	A2 and A20 approaching Dover. The amount of rubbish accumulating along these roads is truly appalling and is getting worse all the time. Cannot imagine what visitors must think as they disembark in Dover and start their onward journey. A total disgrace.
15-03-16	sean wratten	a55 around chester, the whole of the route from Broughton (part of Chester) to Chester both sides thick with litter, disgusting and embarresing considering the welsh side is spotless. Come on cwac get a grip.

15-03-16	Giovanni Ghidotti	<p>I just would like to report the appalling condition of the A13 about 1 mile before Barking, coming from the city, at the junction with the flyover that leads to the 369. Well it is a complete mess, completely covered with litter and plastic bags hangings on trees. Actually a couple of days ago i saw man cutting the grass but nothing else was done, that job was absolutely useless and he made things worst as the paper got shredded causing even more litter. Could you please send a group of people as i believe the situation is so bad that a man on his own would probably need a good couple of days to clean it up, as i am a bit concerned about the environment and how bad that can be to the local wild life and not to mention the level of degradation caused to the local community. I would like to thank you in advance for your help and concern.</p> <p>Giovanni ps: The litter problem reported is much worst than the picture above.</p>
15-03-16	Stephen Elliott	<p>A20 from Folkestone to Dover is an appalling rubbish tip and a dreadful image for foreign visitors arriving/departing Dover. Much of the litter has been there since the lorry stacking last summer. No effort being made to clear litter.</p>
14-03-16	Martha Walsh	<p>The A27 and A23 are disgusting in East Sussex. The litter has been accumulating for a considerable time. I find it appalling that a) individuals are so selfish and b) the authorities are not complying with their duty to keep the highways clear of litter.</p>
14-03-16	Linda Averill	<p>A14 (Northhants and Cambridgeshire) disgraceful state. Litter along the road sides and plastic in the roadside trees and bushes</p>
14-03-16	rod laver	<p>a27 eastbound between brighton and lewes</p>
14-03-16	jacqueline chambers	<p>A34 from M3 junction at Southampton to Oxford. Well, I've never seen anything like it!! I was appalled at the amount of litter, not just people litter but shredded tyres, disused highways rubbish...cones, signage, plastic tubing..... The impression this must give to visitors is unthinkable, I was truly ashamed. The trees were looking like Christmas trees with coloured bags hanging from them!</p>
14-03-16	Don Williamson	<p>A14 Cambridgeshire extremely badly littered - a dreadful sight for both tax payers and visitors alike. I joined the A14 highway from the M6 before heading off on the A11 yesterday 13th March 2016.</p>

- 13-03-16 Vivien King A38 and A52 from Spondon to Alfreton Derbyshire these are roads we use most. We live in a beautiful county and when we have visitors the only thing they go away with is the rubbish on these 2 A roads that they have to travel on to visit us in Belper. I can honestly say that we visited this County visiting our daughter who was living in Belper after leaving London for 5 years before we made the move here, it was beautiful we don't remember seeing rubbish like this on these roads then so it seems to be a growing problem through lack of clearing these verges on these roads.
- 13-03-16 David Pigram Junction 6 M25 verges of slip roads strewn with an accumulation of litter supposed to be regularly cleared but obviously not done. Gives very poor impression to visitors to the area, I can't believe there is a contract to clean motorway slip roads.
- 13-03-16 Gee Postle Frankly the sides of roads everywhere mile after mile are strewn with litter, Im sure that so many people did not throw rubbish from there vehicles as seems to be the case in recent years, standards of people must be falling, I go out walking in the Lincolnshire wolds and now take bags with me to pick up litter as I go, I filled a sack today mostly from a 1 mile stretch of back country road between Telford, Brinkhill and Somersby with bottles, coffee cups, crisp packets, plastic cream cake boxes, plastic bags with something disgusting in them some women monthly products I continued my walk for another mile or two through fields etc along a footpath and continued to collect a few more bottles, beer cans and plastic bags, fortunately I came across a skip further along near a farm and put the full heavy sack in it, on my way home to Swinhope near Binbrook the main roads and back roads where strewn with litter on both sides there must have been tons in the short approx. 12 mile journey, I now drive HGV lorries around the country and I just wonder what the hell is happening the place is turning in to a giant landfill but the blame lies solely with the human trash discarding it.
- 13-03-16 Roberta Foster March 12th - M65 from Jnt 1 to Jnt 13 and the reverse journey absolutely full of litter on verges and central reservations.
- 12-03-16 Janet Reygan M602, from Regent Road to Junction 1 travelling West. Large amounts of litter on verge and large amounts of sand and debris on hard shoulder

12-03-16	Douglas Kemp	The verges of the A14 in Northamptonshire are full of rubbish and need cleaning. It looks simply dreadful.
12-03-16	Samantha itcsvytm@ukddamip.co	I was just looking at your Complain to the CEO about litter on Highways England roads (motorways and some trunk roads) Survey website and see that your website has the potential to get a lot of visitors. I just want to tell you, In case you didn't already know... There is a website service which already has more than 16 million users, and most of the users are looking for topics like yours. By getting your site on this network you have a chance to get your site more popular than you can imagine. It is free to sign up and you can read more about it here: http://bbqr.me/4fx6 - Now, let me ask you... Do you need your website to be successful to maintain your business? Do you need targeted visitors who are interested in the services and products you offer? Are looking for exposure, to increase sales, and to quickly develop awareness for your site? If your answer is YES, you can achieve these things only if you get your site on the network I am talking about. This traffic network advertises you to thousands, while also giving you a chance to test the network before paying anything. All the popular blogs are using this network to boost their traffic and ad revenue! Why aren't you? And what is better than traffic? It's recurring traffic! That's how running a successful site works... Here's to your success! Read more here: http://www.arvut.org/1/doX
11-03-16	Gail Mills	On a recent journey from Canterbury, Kent on the A2 to the turn off to Denton Crematorium, the rubbish was appalling. The people responsible for litter clearance on these roads should be ashamed of themselves. Do they see it, do they care, or do they just sit in their comfy offices ticking the boxes, but not actually doing their job. I guess so.
11-03-16	Gail Mills	A13 from M25 to A127 is the worst litter I have ever seen. Do our MP's, councillors etc. not even see the rubbish or do they simply not care. In the 2 years I have travelled this road, I have NEVER seen any clearance. Where are people on community service? The relevant people whose job it is to keep our roads clear should be SACKED.
10-03-16	Mary Henry	The state of the whole A14 was disgusting when I went to Cambridgeshire. I am embarrassed by the amount of litter/blown out tyres. Who is dealing with this issue

10-03-16	michael collier	slip road from crittalls corner on to the a20 ,starting on the roundabout all the way on both sides of the road up to where the motorway starts
09-03-16	Kim French	I have recently noticed that the amount on litter on the M60 and M56 towards and around Manchester has significantly increased, creating such an unpleasant appearance. I can't quite frankly believe how much there is considering the amount of tax we pay as a country.
08-03-16	Susan Rossiter	We travelled from Leicestershire home to Kent on Saturday 5th March 2016, the weekend when we have been encouraged to "Clean for the Queen". Various roads were littered but the one that absolutely disgusted us was the A14 between the Naseby area more or less all the way along to the M11. It obviously hasn't had any attention for years! I can see other posts about this road, we should be ashamed of ourselves and particularly Highways England which is failing abysmally in its duty. I hope the Queen never has to see it.
08-03-16	Andrew Mellonie	I have been fighting this for some time with my local council but without result. The A1 between Stamford and South Witham junctions I drive daily and the verges, laybys, sliproads and in particular the central reservation are absolutely appalling and have not been cleared properly in years. Each year they mow and the very hoigh levels of litter are simply chopped and blow everywhere. I travelk a lot in the world and in many third world countries where litter levels can be very poor. However this section of A1 is simply dreadful. I would estimate that in a 2 mile streatch it would be possible toi fill at least 3 bin lorries. I have reported this to Rutland County Council via Twitter who say they regularly clean it and weekly they clear the laybys. This is simply not true. The useby dates on some of the bottles prove this. What is happening to our beautiful country. Its most upsetting. The UK is the worset littered country in Europe. Kind regards Andrew Mellonie
07-03-16	Gillian Thompson	A1. Travelling along the A1 frequently from Peterborough to Newark, I am appalled by the amount of litter on the road. It is disgusting. This isn't the only bad road, but must come near the top. I do wonder what is being done about it.
07-03-16	Aline MacInnes	A1 from Grantham to London. Unbelievably littered. I have never seen this road like this before. What must visitors to Britain think, it is appalling.

06-03-16	Janet Ronson	The A38 between Exeter and Plymouth has enormous amounts of litter along it's verges, in the trees and hedgerows.
06-03-16	karl mitchell	Just returned from a journey on the m23, joining the motorway at junction 10. The litter on the junction and slip road was appalling. It was clear the mess had been there for some time. It was a disappointing sight at the end of the day.
06-03-16	Selina Mifsud	The M2 through Kent is blighted by roadside litter and tipped waste which presents a potential safety risk to road users. The lay-bys on the A2 between Faversham and Dover are a health hazard, congested with rubbish discarded by lorry drivers who use the lay-bys as rest stops. This is unsightly, degrading to the natural environment and dangerous to wildlife. It is not appropriate for a well- funded and traditionally civic-minded country to allow its major thoroughfares to be thus abused. Deal with it!
06-03-16	John Nicholas	M50 and then the co tinting on the A40 towards the Welsh border (and beyond). This litter alongside the edges of these roads - especially along the A40 is at an appalling level. I know that litter gets there because it's dropped by thought,E's people but the accumulation is much much worse that it has ever been and is getting worse.
06-03-16	Maggie Sims	I drive frequently on the M2, A2, A249 and A299 and the amount of litter on the verges and plastic hanging in the trees, is an absolute disgrace, and completely ruins our beautiful countryside. Other countries don't appear to have this problem. Surely the litter could be cleared more frequently.
06-03-16	David Fidler	I regularly travel on the A404 from Maidenhead to High Wycombe and the roadside is consistently strewn with litter. The layby next to Temple golf course is particularly bad and it would appear that there are insufficient bins in place. Generally speaking I am pleased with the state of the motorways.

05-03-16	BARRY JAMISON	Obviously the Queen will not be travelling north or south via the A1 through Lincolnshire / Rutland during her tour of the U.K. to celebrate her 90th birthday. Please advise if this highway is not included in the tidy up for this occasion, as at present its a disgrace. When contacting my local council, to be told ' WE HAVE NOBODY TRAINED TO CARRY OUT THIS WORK'. I have to ask how much training do you need to pick up litter? During numerous occasions throughout the year stretches of the A1 are closed for maintenance would it not be sensible to do litter picking during this period? Any evidence that any of the litter can be tracked back to the offender, they should then be heavily fined or imprisoned. I also include foreign lorry drivers. Having visited India a few years ago I am ashamed to say there is very little difference between the two areas.
04-03-16	Ben Wilson	The A27 between the junction with the A26 to Newhaven and the Amex Stadium in Falmer. The verges are smothered with litter. This road runs right through the South Downs National Park. A disgrace.
04-03-16	Christine Williams	M25 Junction 6 Godstone excessive amount of litter on the exit slip road
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03-03-16	Graham Roe	I use the A14 in Suffolk on a regular basis and the level of litter on the verges from Copdock at Junction 54 to seven hills at Nacton, junction 57 is appalling and requires clearing
03-03-16	Michael Pease	Travelled today from Manchester to Sheffield. The litter going through the Peak District National Park on the A628 and A616 was atrocious. It included quite large bits of lorry. When was this last cleared? It seems that every single road journey I make is cause for complaint. The verge of the litter crisis has come and gone and we are now in the thick of it.

- 02-03-16 Linsey Hutchins I come home via the Junction 14 M5 Southbound slip road daily for my current project and have noticed for some time now, 5 months at least, that litter is accumulating on a daily basis along the length of the slip road on the right hand side (driver side), right the way along to the traffic light junction. The litter seems to be caused by drivers turning right towards Falfield and Thornbury. It looks awful and I really don't think this can be good for wild life in this semi rural area, there are now plastic bags shredded on the bushes too. I've struggled to find how or who I can notify about this, can you please report it for me? Ironically there appears to be a Highways depot of sorts about 200 metres from this junction.
Linsey_Hutchins@yahoo.com, Tytherington South Glos
- 02-03-16 Michael Pease On 2 March 2016 I travelled from Manchester to Birkenhead, largely on the M56. It was blighted with litter. It is difficult to be specific e.g. from junctions 3 to 4, when there is more litter covered areas than clean areas. I complained to BBMM (the contractor) who agree the area needs cleared again in March, having done it in February. I never see any litter pickers. In fairness, nor do I see any litterers. Is the litter actually being picked? Otherwise where is this volume of litter coming from? Might it be waste disposal lorries? Is there any assessment of the amount or provenance of litter? One thing is clear from these complaints; we are on the verge of a litter crisis, and at some point Highways England is going to have to get to grips with it. The sooner the better (and cheaper). Regards, Michael Pease.
- 02-03-16 Adam Simbazi I want to make a complaint about Litter Picking, Stone Chips etc. on the sides of the roads across...well...the whole Country. Today I was driving on A316, M3, A322 and M25. When you look at the sides of these roads, it just look horrible!! We are paying huge amounts of TAXes and for the last few years nothing has changed! I am driving on the roads I have stated above almost every day and the look worse and worse! Don't you have any kind of inspectors checking this??
- 02-03-16 Sharon Cruden A45 from M1 - Wellingborough, I use this road everyday mainly during the dark as I start and finish work before it is light, but I have had to course to use the road on a couple of occasion during daylight hours and I am horrified at the amount of litter on this road, it is a disgrace. In Northampton town centre, businesses are cleaning the streets for the "Clean for the Queen" campaign, perhaps this should apply to our roads as

well as she would not want to travel through our county with it looking like this.

- 01-03-16 James miller M3 J11 to J2 - Grade c / d accumulations, some slipways are filthy.
- 01-03-16 Debbie Tolson I would like to report the exit slip road northbound on the M1 at junction 38 Wakefield West Yorkshire. It is a disgrace with litter all the way down to the bottom and at the roundabout. I find this an increasing problem and have had to report to the highways agency on previous occasions.
- 01-03-16 David Morris The A303 from the Sparkford (S Somerset) roundabout eastbound all the way to the M3 (80 miles) is a disgrace and an embarrassment to the country with litter strewn all over the hedges and lay-bys. There is a lay-by 1 mile west of Stonehenge (a UNESCO world heritage site with millions of visitors a year) that looks like a landfill site! I use this road daily and none of these verges have been cleaned in over 3 years. The A34 northbound from the A303 junction to Oxford is as equally depressing, with the central reservations and hedges full of litter, mile after mile after mile of it!
- 01-03-16 Paul James Is the A13 Britain's filthiest road? The accumulation of litter on the verges and plastic adorning bushes heading east from the M25 has to be seen to be believed. I've been traveling on the A13 regularly since October and have seen no improvement whatsoever in that time.
- 01-03-16 Lindsay Deja Some weeks ago on the A.20 near Dover as you have left the M.20 I saw masses of rubbish dumped on the verge for miles. Some in bags, torn from bags and flying everywhere. Apparently mostly due to operation stack. I reported this then to kCC but my sister informs me That all the litter is still there. My county, Kent, where I grew up used to be called the garden of England. This is now one big filthy dumping ground and no one it seems, is civilised enough to care. It's enough to make you weep with despair. Please, stop pen pushing and finding excuses for leaving this mess. Send people out to clear it up. It needs to be done all over Kent. I'm so ashamed.

- 29-02-16 Paul Dexter Dear Mr O'Sullivan, I have just travelled from Birmingham Airport northbound up the M42, A446 and then on the A38 past Burton and Derby to Mansfield at the M1 junction 28. To say I was shocked is an understatement ! The amount of litter, plastic rubble etc on the sides of the roads and in the central reservation for this whole stretch was unbelievable. It was absolutely disgusting. It was like travelling through a post-apocalyptic war zone ! I had some foreign visitors with me and I was ashamed to be British, as you should be and all those who work for the Highways Agency and connected road maintenance departments (eg local councils). My friend who does much more driving than me, tells me this is the same all over England's motorways and main trunk roads. Please don't respond by giving excuses like Health and Safety clearance issues, funding or blurred lines of responsibility, get it cleaned up for god's sake. You may not be concerned about living in the filthiest, albeit the 5th richest country in the world, but I am. Please, I get down on my knees and beg you to sort this out PDQ Thank you.
- 29-02-16 Deborah Fielding I have just driven from the Dartford Toll Tunnel to Southend along the A13 and was pretty disgusted about the amount of rubbish, mainly plastic bags, along that road. This needs some serious cleaning up
- 29-02-16 Julie Standeven Recently travelling from Folkstone to Dover, A20 and A2. Can't believe the rubbish on side of roads, what's happening and a gateway to our country. I feel ashamed!
- 29-02-16 Janet Wilby Brenley roundabout on A2 Faversham is an absolute disgrace, fly tipping now also happening, The A2 from Brenley roundabout towards Canterbury is full of litter, so much for clean up the Country for Queens birthday, Swale Borough Council obviously are ignoring this (have been for years)
- 29-02-16 Paul James The verges of the A27 from Polegate (East Sussex) to the West Sussex/Hants border are, with one or two exceptions, continue to be in a truly disgusting and heavily littered state. The same applies to some of the slip roads on and off the A27 especially in the Brighton & Hove area. The A27 passes through the South Downs National Park; compare this with my recent visit to the Alpilles National Park in Provence where the verges and towns were litter free and a pleasure to visit. When is something going to be done about clearing up this mess?

28-02-16	John Chorley	M1 Northbound from junctions 1 to 9, badly littered yet again along most of its stretch. The directors of Highways England are failing - and have been failing for several years - in their legal to duty to ensure that the network is kept clear of rubbish. Isn't it time that they were prosecuted for breaking the law?
28-02-16	David Johnson	A63 east & west bound between the Welton & Humber Bridge exits the amount of litter is horrendous and urgently requires a huge clean up.
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 Due 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 Northampton.
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.

- 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	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 letter. 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
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 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.
- 12-12-15 Jessica Chivers 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.

11-12-15 Rod Edwards

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 our 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.

11-12-15 Julia Squier

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.

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 form 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 fying 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 Darent 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 were 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