

Complaints about litter forwarded to Highways England CEO, Jim O'Sullivan
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Complaints for May and June 2016

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Snippets:

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16-06-2016	Willem Hart	I recently travelled along the A12 and was disgusted by the amount of debris especially in the central reservation and along the side towards Ipswich. I counted an astonishing 91 car and lorry tyres. There were probably many more as I did not count any of those in the London direction. What was also disturbing was the amount of flat boards, redundant road signs and cones. In high winds these can easily be lifted into the path of oncoming traffic. Rubbish in the drain gulleys is blocking the drains with the obvious risk of flooding. The A12 is the main road connecting the ports of Felixstowe and Harwich to London and the M25. Visitors from continental Europe must be dismayed about our inability to adequately clean the A12. I for one am very embarrassed about the condition of this road especially the Essex section. Yours disgusted Willem Hart OBE
15-06-2016	Jon Money	The northern end of the A19 is generally in a sorry state however the section between Holystone - A1058 has been so neglected that a large amount of litter has been allowed to accumulate in the woodland and open space to the east, blown by the prevailing wind. A bridleway runs parallel to the A19 and it's easy to see the mess from there, less so from the road. As well as the usual packaging litter there also larger sheets of plastic, polystyrene and all sorts spoiling what should be a pleasant route for walkers and cyclists. The HA should be held responsible for failing to prevent the spread of this rubbish onto public land.
12-06-2016	ALVAR THOMAS	May I complain about the state of our lay-byes on motorways / trunk roads . The litter bins are invariably overflowing resulting in litter being spewed out onto the roads and this is to say the least, something resembling a Third World Country! Also, the state of the exits from Motorway rest areas needs to be seen to be believed! This situation is so disgusting and what an advertisement to people from overseas!!!!
12-06-2016	Alvar Thomas	Litter in lay- byes on the majority of motorways/trunk roads increasing due mainly to designated litter bins overflowing! Can this situation be sorted -out as in some cases, it represents a 'Third World Country'! Also, the exits from the majority of Service Stations on Motorways has to be seen to be believed in terms of litter, including glass, glass ,paper and cardboard-what a sight greeting people from Abroad!

12-06-2016	Laurence Wells	A3 is a litter mess - particularly at roundabouts. After much emailing M25 Connect and Elmbridge there are anti litter posters at Painshill roundabout but the slip roads and roundabout itself are horrendous - litter, rusting fly tipped items, broken glass bottles etc. There is apparently going to be a litter lick finally on 16 June. But this has been 'planned' before.
10-05-2016	Jonathan Pinsent	M45 Northants/Warwickshire border just as it branches off the M1. The verges area a disgrace with a huge build up of litter. How was this allowed to happen?
05-05-2016	Beverley Paton	A2 Canterbury to Faversham and M2 to London - really terrible litter especially in and around lay by areas
04-05-2016	Sian Pettman	The highways in Kent are generally suffering from an appalling level of litter. The A249 between Maidstone and Sittingbourne is particularly awful.
04-05-2016	James W Lord	M2/A2 Junction 7 (Brenley Roundabout) Kept. Disgracefully dirty with copious amounts of litter of all description. (paper, plastic, bottles of "Amber" coloured liquid, shredded tyres, etc). It is a national disgrace particularly on a road used by overseas visitors coming into the country via Dover. The A2 is also in a parlous state, litter from end to end. The gulleys that are supposed to take away surface water are clogged up with filth in several places. Fairly regular trips to Norfolk and Lincolnshire, by road, tell a similar story. The carriageway surface and white lining on the Brenley Roundabout is extremely bad too. Recent reports to the Highways Agency and Swale Borough Council (Kent) have been pointless.
02-05-2016	Isabella Collins	Dear Sir I was driving to Exeter from Portsmouth on A31 . I was very upset by all the rubbish I saw. I have been living in France for 10 years and am about to move back to the UK. My children are starting university in the UK and I was very keen to show my home to them but am so ashamed and shocked by the filthy roads. What must the first impressions be of foreigners when they visit the UK? What happened to my beautiful country? Please please can somebody do something about this? Somebody who is in a position to make a difference. Yours faithfully Isabella Collins

29-04-2016	Ian Bettles	I travel the A14 from Junction 12 to the M6 every day. The A14 laybys are in a horrible state. Many of the litter bins are overflowing and a number have turned over depositing litter all over the layby. The bins are clearly not emptied often enough and are not suitable for this type of litter collection.
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