

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

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Complaints for July & August 2016

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04-09-16	Simon Gaywood	A14 between Huntingdon Race course and M6. The closer I got to the M6 the laybys got worse and worse with the provided bins overflowing with rubbish as well as bags and loose rubbish accumulating on the floor around the bins and in the laybye. It looked disgusting as well as a health hazard.
21-08-16	Brian Reynolds	Unfortunately this section of main road, the A14 between the West Midlands to Cambridgeshire is out of the HA responsibility but highlights just how disjointed litter maintenance is. I have the disgraceful misfortune of driving along the A14 from the Birmingham to Cambridge and was so shocked at the levels of uncollected litter to the verges and lay-bys. If it could be graded it would be Grade F. The verges and lay-bys in Leicestershire and Northamptonshire were chocked with so much uncollected litter and un some locations the local authority had it the grass before litter picking, a common practice with The Highways Agency. I saw piles of hidden litter underneath the hedgerows and three lay-bys simply resembled landfill sites. The insulting part of the journey for me was the fact I saw three large signs stating 'Litter Picking Ongoing' so basically meaning 'we know it's a problem but stop telling us'. I have decided all rest of my annual holidays will be on the continent. What a sad country we have become. So I'm sure the Highways Agency Chief Executive will pay even more lip service to this post but I wanted to show just how pathetic the lines of responsibility are with regards to litter picking. That said, coming from the M6 on the same journey, the verges, central reservations were badly littered. I will post separately my joirney to North Wales, equally shameful. I think we need to accept that the Chief Executive and the Government cannot be bothered with the problem of litter. It is clear to me that the Chief Executive of the Highways Agency is totally in denial and ignorant of the problem.
09-08-16	James Vickery	Absolutely disgusting lay by on the A30 Westbound between junction 31 of the M5 and the Alphington

		Junction in Exeter. Why do you not provide bins at these lay-bys? It would cut a lot of litter!!
01-08-16	Jonathan Emmerson	Hi, the verges along the A414 and A1(M) from St Albans to Knebworth house are covered in plastic and rubbish. Bad news for local wildlife & people too - it depressed me. Be good to know where it all comes from? Wildflowers would look a lot better! Thanks
31-07-16	Paul James	The verges of the A27 Brighton bypass remain heavily littered especially eastbound between the junctions of the A293 and A23 and westbound between the A293 and Southwick Tunnel. The verges of the sliproads at the A27/A293 and A27/23 junctions are also badly littered and show no signs of having been cleaned recently.
29-07-16	Alison Crooks	I travelled on the A13 towards Barking yesterday. The A13 is a disgrace. Whilst I see the benefit of litter picking and cleaning up this area, it seems to be completely pointless unless action is taken against the people responsible.
26-07-16	Sandra Freeden	Hi working in temple fortune twice a week coming from north finchley lesiure centre to henleys corner the north circ is DISGUSTiNG full of rubbish overgrown weeds both sides the bus stops are filthy ,have been writing and calling waste of time I don't understand I now go home thru regent park road up to whetstone and home to Southgate / Cockfosters feeling upset at no one taking notice of me I don't even live round there .my son lives In Thailand and it's cleaner there what's happened to London come on guys . Are we third world ????? God forbid ps and that's only a small part of highway . Thanx for listening
26-07-16	Edward Hudson	A12 particularly near Chelmsford. I have been in northern France for two weeks where I witnessed clean roads and motorways. On my return to the UK I was appalled to find an accumulation of all sorts of litter on long stretches of the A12. We are taking on the appearance of a third world country. There was

		little evidence of consistent clearance of all forms of mess.
21-07-16	John Messenger	<p>1. Sliproad leading off M6 Southbound at Junction 10 (Walsall): The accumulation of litter here is worse than I have seen anywhere on the Highways England motorway network. Probably three times worse than the already badly-littered state of this verge, as shown on Google Street View of October 2015. It is your agency's responsibility to ensure that verges such as these are kept clear of litter but this is neither happening here nor in many other parts of the country. Most of the litter here is individual items of food packaging that has been thrown out of cars (such as takeaway coffee cups) rather than from waste lorries. May I suggest, therefore, that you install a camera here to catch and prosecute the motorists who litter the verge? It could be the basis for helpful and free media coverage of the problem - which is needed - and act as an excellent deterrent. Highways England really needs to engage publicly with the problem rather than acting as if it is in denial.</p> <p>2. M1 Southbound: Junctions 11 - 10. Badly littered along many sections.</p>
18-07-16	Paul Daly	<p>M5 heading south from Birmingham. I regularly drive this route heading towards Devon. 90 % of the motorway was in a shocking state. I find that the motorways around Birmingham are generally awful. Many thanks... Paul Daly</p>
13-07-16	Robert Pickles	<p>The A12 out of London through Essex and into Suffolk. I have complained dozens of times yet nothing seems to be done. The central reservation is not being litter-picked at all. A disgrace all the way.</p>