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Sent: 17 January 2017 17:52
To: Nick Harris - Ops. Dir. Highways England
Cc: Peter Antolik Office of Rail and Road; Kevin Hollinrake MP
Subject: Feedback - Litter on the HE network - 2

Nick, please find below 14 further comments from my [Have your say](#) page about litter on the Highways England network.

Snippets:

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... the continuous stream of litter that lines the edge of the A14 from where it meets the M6 and then for miles in an easterly direction
M20 from junction 1 to junction 8 and then onto the A20 for ten miles or so, I **couldn't** believe the amount of roadside litter
Surrey to Cornwall – M25/M4/M5/Devon Expressway – all bad
A31 from the western end of the M27 to Ringwood ... margins and central reservation of this road are in a dreadful state

Mark Godfrey says:

[January 9, 2017 at 7:41 pm](#)

The stretch between A13 wennington Essex to the QE2 bridge Dartford / M25 turn off .
Also the stretch of A13 to the Roundabout to wennington and M25 .
Full up of litter , and Rubbish especially in the trees and bushes , grass verge .
It is disgusting especially takeaway containers with food waste and Rats and mice seen running and eating the waste .
Plenty of plastic and glass bottles all over the grass verge leading up to the Roundabout .
... the A27, especially the stretch around Brighton, continues to look more like a refuse tip than a trunk road
A23 north from Pyecombe to Bolney. This road is very heavily littered and it is distressing to see it still in this state.
... central reservation of the M62 from Manchester to Leeds has a disgraceful litter problem
... A27 from Brighton to Portsmouth yesterday and the Brighton section was a depressingly filthy as ever
M20 from Maidstone to Folkestone and then the A20 on to Dover are covered in litter
A31 from the western end of the M27 to Ringwood

Geoff Sargeant says:

[January 9, 2017 at 8:09 pm](#)

Peter – I have followed your efforts for some time now , and have great admiration for your work – I am continually amazed & saddened by the state we have allowed our country to get into . I try to do my bit locally , but it is a thankless task . However if the authorities did more to keep areas clean ,it may discourage the thoughtless discarding of litter that presently happens .

I travel the A38 regularly , from J28 to Derby ,and it is in a continual mess ... the lay- bys in particular are terrible – one near Little Eaton looks like a local waste tip !!

DavidG says:

[January 9, 2017 at 8:50 pm](#)

A3 southbound slip onto M25. I am constantly reporting litter here. Every time I do, it seems to get a bit better and then it quickly becomes a nightmare again. People stop at the lights and use this as an opportunity to springclean. HE are obviously reacting to reports but failing in their duty to maintain a level of cleanliness.

Peter Bourne says:

[January 9, 2017 at 9:00 pm](#)

My two booby prize roads.

Recent trips car have left me with the conclusion that the filthiest main roads in Britain are the A23 (to Brighton) and the A 14 (in Northants). The lay-byes in the latter are a particular disgrace – overflowing Sulo bins and resultant piles of detritus. This is especially shaming as the majority of parked lorries there seem to be foreign nationals on their way to the port of Felixtowe. There is surely no point in local authorities providing bins if they have no intention of actually emptying them!

Having just returned from driving on the motorways of France and Germany, I am especially ashamed of how filthy our roads are in comparison.

Peter B.

Anthea Dempsey says:

[January 9, 2017 at 9:30 pm](#)

This afternoon (09/01/17) I drove on the A23 north from Pyecombe to Bolney. This road is very heavily littered and it is distressing to see it still in this state.

James Vincent Miller says:

[January 9, 2017 at 9:48 pm](#)

M4 from Swindon to Bristol is filthy, grade C or D. Interestingly noted a distinct contrast between the Skanska section and the section managed by Kier. The Kier section before is far cleaner Swindon is far cleaner. I have submitted a formal complaint to HE and await their response.

Iain Dreger says:

[January 10, 2017 at 12:57 am](#)

Hello Peter, the A27, especially the stretch around Brighton, continues to look more like a refuse tip than a trunk road. More national disgrace than National Park. **I'm** currently commuting regularly between Brighton and Berkshire, and the A23 – especially the section between Brighton and Handcross – runs the A27 close for litter. **It's** awash with consumer and commercial rubbish. It must be well over a year since it was last cleaned. By contrast, the south-eastern section of the M25 is mostly quite clean. How can standards differ so much? Thanks for all **you're** doing to fight for cleaner roads.

S Hickson says:

[January 10, 2017 at 9:18 am](#)

All Slipways, verges, undergrowth from M25 junction 3 to A20 and M20 are in a shocking state, grade C and D in numerous locations. All slipways, verges, undergrowth from M25 junction 4 to A21 also heavily littered, grade B, C and D in numerous locations. Much of this litter has been there for months – appalling situation.

Mike Pease says:

[January 10, 2017 at 9:29 am](#)

The central reservation of the M62 from Manchester to Leeds has a disgraceful litter problem. **I'd** like to be more specific as to areas but unfortunately cannot – it all needs cleaned! Does anyone know whether Highways England has a policy for clearing central reservations? If not I shall make a Freedom of Information Act request. Thanks

Julia Morgan says:

[January 10, 2017 at 5:39 pm](#)

I wish to complain about the continuous stream of litter that lines the edge of the A14 from where it meets the M6 and then for miles in an easterly direction. It is a disgusting eyesore and should be cleaned up and the road users educated about littering and fined if they are caught doing so. Thank you. (December 2016)

Brian Fowle says:

[January 10, 2017 at 5:42 pm](#)

I recently had occasion to drive the M20 from junction 1 to junction 8 and then onto the A20 for ten miles or so, I couldn't believe the amount of roadside litter on both roads it's such a shame as Kent is a beautiful county, I drove from Essex and thought parts of the A13 were bad enough but I'm not sure which is the worst now.

ceri blower says:

[January 11, 2017 at 1:34 pm](#)

When our children were younger we used to go to Egypt on holiday and the roads there were always lined with litter as there was not the infrastructure to deal with it. Now, the roads I travel on look pretty much as bad as Egypt did. I regularly travel from Surrey to Cornwall – M25/M4/M5/Devon Expressway – all bad, particularly around junctions. Surrey to Cambridge – same thing. Except for one stretch on the M11 where signs say it has been recently litter picked and they collected 90 bags. If people can be caught on camera speeding, why not littering?

James Wright says:

[January 11, 2017 at 9:53 pm](#)

I've always wondered why there are not bottle banks in the UK. In other places you never see cans or bottles strewn about as they have a value. Growing up in Canada they were a great source of pocket money for me.

Surely it can't be that hard to organise. If a politician just managed to achieve one thing in his/her career having these introduced to the UK would be a great achievement.

ps, I drove along the a27 from Brighton to Portsmouth yesterday and the Brighton section was a depressingly filthy as ever but it was heartening to see cleaners out around Worthing and that stretch of the A27 looking wonderful. They should put big signs up beside the roads with the fines for littering as they do in Northern Italy.

C Boreham says:

[January 12, 2017 at 7:35 pm](#)

The M20 from Maidstone to Folkestone and then the A20 on to Dover are covered in litter. The roundabouts over Junctions 10, 11 and 12 are particularly bad. **It's** interesting to learn that **it's** Highways England responsibility because they have a base at Junction 11 where the rubbish is piling up against their fences – clearly they treat their statutory responsibilities with contempt.

Brian Lambert says:

[January 14, 2017 at 6:03 pm](#)

I have just driven along the A31 from the western end of the M27 to Ringwood. This road crosses the New Forest, the margins and central reservation of this road are in a dreadful state in relation to rubbish discarded from vehicles.

I hope this is of help.

Kind regards

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