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**To:** "XXXXXXXXX"

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Dear Ms Flynn

I refer to your emails to Dr Therese Coffey MP about litter which I understand was answered on 24 August. Your comment about shredded litter was passed to Highways England to respond. Please accept my sincere apologies for the lateness of this reply.

We agree all litter is unsightly, can cause safety and environmental hazards and is wholly preventable. We are working closely with Defra supporting the commitments contained in the Litter Strategy for England which are underpinned by our own [Litter Strategy](#).

In relation to the shredded litter. Where litter collection is the responsibility of Local Authorities we provide advance notice of planned activities and identify opportunities to share traffic management. This should result in routine maintenance like grass cutting and litter clearing activities undertaken simultaneously and at a reduced cost. To prevent this type of issue from occurring again we are introducing a mandatory requirement that no activities are carried out that will detrimentally affect the network.

Along with our own mandatory requirements we also recognise we need to do more to help facilitate better coordination of operations between Local Authorities and ourselves and a briefing note was produced to help partnership working. More recently we've produced a similar note to be issued directly to all Local Authorities with litter clearing responsibilities on trunk roads.

I do hope this reply re-assures you that we are all contributing to a reduction in littering.

Thank you again for contacting us. If there's anything else we can help you with please email or telephone our contact centre, 0300 123 5000 or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk).

To help us identify and make improvements to our responses, I'd be very grateful if you could please take our feedback survey by [clicking here](#).

Kind regards

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