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**Date:** Friday, 15 May 2020 at 11:03  
**To:** Bernadette Kelly - Permanent Secretary DfT  
**Cc:** Janet Prendiville - A27 Clean Up Campaign, Neil Kerridge - A27 Clean Up Campaign  
**Subject:** The cleaning of Highways England's trunk roads

Dear Ms Kelly,

Further to my [e-mails of 29<sup>th</sup> April](#) and [11<sup>th</sup> May](#) please refer to [this recent correspondence between Highways England and the A27 Clean Up Campaign](#).

In spite of the recent intervention by your department Highways England are shredding litter on the A27 and A26 by strimming the verges without having arranged for prior litter removal.

They seem to think this was a question of whether the “Local Highway Authority” had been informed of the work in advance. However the EPA S89 responsibility to keep these roads clear of litter lies with the District Council, in this case Lewes District Council, and not the local Highways Authority, East Sussex Highways.

Please put a stop to this nonsense.

The responsibility for cleaning those trunk roads on the HE network, not already cleaned by HE, should be transferred to Highways England without further delay.

Kind regards

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