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Subject: Letters to the Editor: Right to Reply - Haydon Wick Parish Council re: Akers Way

Dear Editor,

We would like to respond to the recent letter recently published regarding litter and hedge maintenance along Akers Way, which unfortunately misjudged the role of Haydon Wick Parish Council.

For some time, we have raised with Swindon Borough Council (SBC) the persistent litter issues along Akers Way. Due to the layout of homes in this area – where slopes and steps make wheelie bins impractical – residents rely on blue bags. These often split or spill overnight. SBC's crews do not always collect the leftover waste, leaving our Parish team to step in. Currently, we clear around 15 bags a month from this location alone – the equivalent of 7.5 hours every month.

Since the start of this year, the problem has worsened, possibly due to changes in bag quality. While we encourage residents to seal and present bags correctly, the long-term solution lies with SBC providing a more effective waste system. We have already raised this matter with Will Stone MP and continue to press SBC for action.

Haydon Wick Parish Council is committed to supporting residents, but many of these issues require SBC's cooperation and resources to resolve effectively. We hope this clarifies the situation, and we welcome continued dialogue to ensure that residents' concerns are addressed.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor V Manro
Chairman of the Council
Haydon Wick Parish Council

CC: SBC CEO & North Swindon MP