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Dear Everlise,

Thank you for contacting me about littering in our local area and deposit return schemes.

I share your concerns about the poor state of much of our public realm locally. There is absolutely no excuse for littering and fly-tipping, and I commend the work you and your school are doing to try and tackle this problem.

I am really pleased to share that last month our government announced that a fully operational UK Deposit Return scheme will launch in October 2027. Meaning consumers will have a financial incentive to return empty containers to a collection at their local supermarket.

I also completely agree with you that companies like McDonalds needs to take greater accountability for the huge amount of rubbish generated by their franchises. I have only recently opposed the opening of a yet another McDonalds franchise in our area in part because of these environmental concerns.

Thank you again for contacting me, it is good to hear how informed you are on the political issues impacting us locally. If you would be interested in attending Prime Minister's Questions in the House of Commons gallery, please ask your parent or guardian to reach out to my office at al.carns.mp@parliament.uk and a member of my team will be able to arrange tickets and a tour on a convenient Wednesday when we have availability.

Please let me know if I can be of any further help and I look forward to visiting your school in the future to see the important work you are doing.

Best wishes,

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