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Councillor Simon Radford

c/o Labour Group  
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Hendon Town Hall  
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Dear Councillor Radford,

We are writing to you because we are very upset about the amount of rubbish that has been left on the streets surrounding our school. On our walk to and from church on Thursday we saw a lot of litter spread out across the grass, from tin cans to boxes and crisp packets. We could not believe our eyes when we spotted many full black bin bags that had been dumped opposite our school gate in Littlegrove.

We were so affected by this that on our return to school, we started making posters to remind people to put their rubbish in the correct place. Since then, many of us have spent our playtimes using litter pickers to pick up any rubbish that was found around our school. We are also hoping to visit Oakhill Park to spend some time doing the same there.

As a class, we made a list of some of the reasons why the dumping of rubbish on our streets needs to stop.

- It looks really unwelcoming.
- It smells horrible especially in this heat.
- Animals could crawl into the bags looking for food and suffocate.
- Animals could swallow things that are harmful.
- Animals and people could get hurt if there is broken glass or plastic left there.
- Rubbish could get blown into Pymmes Brook just over the hedge into Oakhill Park. This could cause pollution, destroy habitats and harm the food chain.
- It could blow into the road which would be really dangerous for drivers.
- Foxes could come looking for food and tear all the bags open and spread it all around.

- It will encourage rats to come near to our school.
- Anyone needing to use the pavement may be forced into the road as there isn't enough room for them. We thought that young children, parents with buggies, elderly people and wheelchair users would be particularly affected by this.

We think if there were CCTV cameras along Littlegrove this might stop people from doing it. It is a very quiet road with no houses on and people probably think they won't ever get caught.

Part of our school vision here at St Mary's is to care for all of God's creation, which is why we are so passionate about this. We do really care about our world and we are sad to see it not being looked after. Please can you help us?

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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