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Dear Cllr Blake,

First, we would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you on your success in the elections in May, and on your new role as Leader of Haringey Council. We look forward to working with you on the issues that affect our constituents.

Over recent months, we and many of our constituents have been distressed by the state of our local parks. That includes Lordship Rec, Finsbury Park, Woodside Park and many others.

Bin collection in public spaces is a basic service that all functioning councils provide. Many people in Haringey don't have gardens and rely on access to local green spaces. During a heatwave, it was inevitable that footfall would increase.

In your manifesto you promised to protect and improve green spaces. At present, too many of our parks feels unclean, unhygienic and unsafe. For example, we understand that a litter picking session organised by residents in Finsbury Gardens was abandoned due to syringes and other drug paraphernalia found on the ground. This is simply not acceptable.

We know that you have great ambitions for Haringey. However, residents will rightly question your competence to deliver on your plans if you do not get the basics right.

As MPs representing Haringey, we urge you to address rubbish collection in our parks as quickly as possible. Please could you outline the steps you are planning to take to address this issue.

Yours sincerely,

Bambos Charalambous
MP for Southgate & Wood
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David Lammy
MP for Tottenham

Catherine West
MP for Hornsey & Friern
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