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## HOUSE OF COMMONS LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Cllr Julia Thornton Leader Sevenoaks District Council Council Offices, Argyle Road Sevenoaks Kent, TN13 1HG

Our Ref: TT42055/Litter and Fly-Tipping

Dear Julia,

Earlier this month the Government raised the maximum fine available for littering and fly-tipping offences. From Monday 10 July 2023 the maximum fine available for fly-tipping is £1,000 and the maximum fine available for littering is £500.

I know that Sevenoaks District Council takes seriously its commitment to tackling littering and fly-tipping I would appreciate it if you could address whether Sevenoaks District Council would consider raising its level of fines to the new maximum, which would help deter those who litter and fly-tip from doing so in our community.

Sadly, too many of our towns and rural villages across Tonbridge, Edenbridge and Malling are blighted by litter and fly-tipping, and it is right that strong action is taken to deter this.

I would be grateful if you could consider following the Government's lead to make sure our community remains as clean and tidy as possible.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Best wishes,

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