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*Dear Milan,*

**Garden Waste Collections**

I have been contacted by a number of my constituents who are unhappy with the Borough Council's recent decision to introduce a charge for the collection of garden waste.

In particular, the people who have contacted me are worried about the change over in services and how it will be administered. Not only are they disappointed to learn that they will have to pay for a service that they originally received at no extra charge, but they are also concerned as to how an 'opt-in' system will work. I am told that residents who want to use the service will have to 'opt-in' to have their garden waste collected but how will these residents be differentiated from those who do not do so?

Constituents are also concerned about what measures will be in place to tackle abuse in the system. I understand that the Borough Council has received a statement to say that garden waste left in green bins would not be collected, however there is a concern that many will attempt to avoid paying the fee by any means, including fly-tipping, the use of neighbours' bins and burning refuse.

I would appreciate your comments on this matter.

*With best wishes  
as ever,*

**Anna Soubry MP**

*Anna Soubry, Member of Parliament for Broxtowe*

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