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Dear Councillor,

My name is Jessica from Emerson Valley School. I (alongside my fellow anxious pupils) are writing to express concern about the worrying amount of rubbish and dog waste bins: one. It is a tremendous shame that we (Year 6 pupils) are the people to take action in this situation. To be perfectly honest, we are, if anything, horrified by the sheer lack of bins in our local area. Yet it is not just us being repulsed by it's disgusting exterior, it is also some issues that are appearing most important to the wellbeing of citizens during this troubling period in life.

The first, very pressing, problem is that there is only a single bin throughout the entirety of Rusland Circus. Not only, is this minimal effort in preventing litterbugs but rubbish is constantly around due to it always being full to bursting!

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Where is there to empty our pockets of unwanted waste in Rusland Circus? Clearly, it is taking its unhealthy toll on the environment if people in our school (who mostly happen to be children) are the ones who are expected to worry about this.

A second crucial note is the animals! You may or may not be wondering why animals are now being dragged into this. Unfortunately, this rubbish is even affecting them. You see, it all comes down to that single bin. As it is painfully full, litter will topple to the floor, be carried around by the wind and eventually taken to animals' habitats that we are lucky enough to have in our once-clean town.

They (the gorgeous creatures) can become strangled in plastic bags, consume sweet wrappers and make very harmful homes in cans. As well as this, it all attracts a terrifyingly unwanted mammal: rats and other various vermin. Not a selling feature of a bustling city.

Finally, a scary truthful problem - people's mental health. Surely, during such a trying time, more care would be placed into the wellbeing of adults, children, the list goes on.

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If not understandable as to why this is impacting your local's minds, here is the horrid realisation that was inevitably going to erupt: People do not like seeing their community filled with pollution! A scrap of forgotten wrapper can trigger a sinking feeling and loss of faith in the area. A loss of faith in the area means less enjoy Emerson Valley. Especially with the decrease of lockdown and increase of citizens outdoors, rubbish can be even more unsightly to the eye. Before, now and even after this unfortunate pandemic, it shall not be a thing of wonder nor beauty!

In conclusion, I am asking for one thing: please add a few more bins in our delightful town. This wonderful town... that is Emerson Valley.

Yours sincerely,
Jessica, EVS student.