

# IELTS General Training Sample Question: Environment Problem

Your local newspaper published an advertisement asking people to help with environment projects in your area.

Write a letter to the project manager to offer your help. In your letter

- describe a local environmental issue that affects you
- explain what you would like to do to help
- and suggest how the problem could be avoided in future.

## Model answer by E. Tahasoni:

Dear Sir or Madam,

In response to your call for citizens to support local environmental projects, I am writing to explain how I would like to do my part.

My neighbourhood, Khayyam, has been facing the issue of heavy littering ever since the local government decided to turn it from a quiet residential area into a shopping spot. Many shoppers throw food and snack casings onto the sidewalks, and shop owners themselves tend to keep their garbage bags there, as well. Not only is this very unhealthy, but also creates a very unpleasant scene, especially on weekends when it is busiest.

Hence, I have resolved to spend one hour every Friday evening collecting trash from the sidewalks around my home. Although this might seem insignificant, I believe my efforts will indeed attract the attention of other residents as well as shoppers, and help them realise how unpleasant littering is.

However, one would definitely realise that in the long run, the town council needs to legislate against littering, imposing heavy fines and even compulsory sanitation service on those who litter our streets.

I am certain that together, we can curb the issues which threaten the health and beauty of our city.

Yours faithfully,

Ebrahim Tahasoni

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