## **REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)**

## REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: 1. The Highway Agency 2. The Secretary of State for Transport 3. The Chief Coroner 4. 5. 6. CORONER 1 I am Alan Romilly Craze, senior coroner, for the coroner area of East Sussex. 2 CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5 of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. 3 **INVESTIGATION and INQUEST** On 24 October 2012 I commenced an investigation into the death of Mustafa Cicek, aged 36 at the time of the incident. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 15 May 2013. The conclusion of the inquest was multiple injuries following a road traffic accident. 4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH The road traffic collision occurred at approximately 03.55 on Sunday 21 October 2012. Mr Cicek was driving a Ford Fiesta motor car north-bound on the A21 when the vehicle left the carriageway to the nearside on a right-hand bend where it struck a fixed structure in a private garden of the property 5 **CORONER'S CONCERNS** During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you. The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows: (1) The bend at this particular location is a collision black spot as there have been several road traffic collisions at the location of Mr Cicek's collision (2) The apparatus along the carriageway, particularly two of the chevron signs, could be improved. There are three chevron signs but only one has a yellow background. If the two chevron signs without a yellow background could have a yellow background added it would further enhance their presence on this bend. (3) A Eucalyptus sapling has been planted on Highways Agency land

	between the front fence at and the edge of the carriageway. This will mature into a potential hazard and consideration should be given to its removal.  (4) Consideration should be given to painting "SLOW" in the carriageway on the approach to the bend.
6	ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN
	In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe your organisation has the power to take such action.
7	YOUR RESPONSE
	You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 03 March 2014. I, the coroner, may extend the period.
	Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.
8	COPIES and PUBLICATION
	I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons; to who may find it useful or of interest.
	I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.
	The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.
9	13 January 2014 Signed: Alan Romilly Craze

Lan