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Date: 17th November 2015

Dear Mr Pollard

Moss Lane, Altrincham
Ref: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths following the inquest of Karen Clayton (Deceased)

I refer to your letter dated 23rd September 2015 regarding the above matter and would comment as follows in relation to items 1 to 4 of your concerns. I apologise for the delay to this response.

The current layout of the section of Moss Lane between Manor Road and Stamford New Road was designed in accordance with the Department of Transport guidance, namely 'Traffic Advisory Leaflet 6/98 September 1998' for Contraflow cycling and was constructed in November 2002. Physical segregation of cyclists and vehicular traffic was provided at the entry and exit from the one way street because there was sufficient room to do so and the route is lined and signed in accordance with this document. This layout also corresponds with Transport for Greater Manchester's current 'Greater Manchester Cycling Design Guidance' document. The Council does not concur that there is insufficient room for the three forms of traffic to be effectively segregated on this road.

Following its introduction no recorded injury accidents had taken place on this link until the accident in question and there haven't been any recorded accidents to date since. It is the Council's opinion that the current layout is not confusing and pedestrians who walk along the mandatory cycle lane do so knowingly to shorten their journey..

There are controlled crossings on Moss Lane at the traffic signals junctions at either end of its one way section and the Council does not consider that pedestrians travelling between the railway station and the Tesco Supermarket have to cross the road twice to reach their destination.

The Council takes Road Safety seriously and whilst this is an extremely unfortunate incident and Trafford Council regrets the tragic road traffic accident that led to the fatal injuries sustained by Mrs Clayton the Council does not consider that there are any improvements required in this instance for the reasons stated above.

I hope that the information above provides an assurance that the findings of your report have been considered but if you have any specific enquires please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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