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Dear Ms Mundy

**Bartosz BORTNICZAK, Blake CAIRNS, Arpad KORE, Jordanna GOODWIN,
Megan STOREY (deceased)
DoD 15/16 November 2014; RTC Sheffield Road, Conisbrough**

I refer to your Regulation 28 report dated 27 October 2015 and sent to Doncaster MBC further to the conclusion of your inquest.

I am [REDACTED], Head of Service, with responsibilities for Waste and Highway Infrastructure.

As you are aware, the Council was not involved in the inquest. Accordingly, on behalf of the Council, I would like to firstly express condolences to the families for their loss as a result of this tragic incident.

Secondly, I thank you for providing the Council with copies of the relevant inquest documents and also for extending the time for the response to your report.

The Council has noted your concern about the speed restriction on the relevant stretch of the A630. The Council is not aware of any previous concerns about the speed limit being raised by South Yorkshire Police. All relevant terminal speed limit signing is in place and is correct on all approaches. Similarly, all signing/lining on the carriageway was in place in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. The road is also lit with overhead street lighting along its length.

However, the Council will always consider relevant issues relating to road safety as far as it can and the concerns you have identified are in the process of being considered. In short, I can confirm that, subject to the necessary due process for such a matter, the Council intends to take steps to reduce the speed limit on the relevant stretch of road to 40mph. Any changes to the speed limit would also be complimented with additional signing and road markings as appropriate.

It is important to note however that changes to speed limits are governed by statutory processes requiring the drafting and publicising of Traffic Regulation Orders, formal consultations and relevant periods for comment or objection. It is therefore not possible to pre-empt the outcome of this necessary due process or indeed to provide a definitive timetable for action. However, in the event that the proposed alteration to the speed limit is approved following the relevant due process, it is anticipated that the Council would be in a position to implement the change by early summer 2016 at the latest.

Yours sincerely



Head of Service Waste and Highways Infrastructure