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Dear Mr Smith,

**Re: Derek Nixon (Deceased)**

I refer to your Regulation 28 Report regarding the inquest into the death of Derek Nixon and your comments concerning the changes made to the road and pavement infrastructure, specifically at the junction of Ball Haye Street and Fountain Street Leek.

This letter is in response to your matters of concern recorded in section 5 and the actions you believe should be implemented in section 6 of your report.

An investigation has taken place which assessed the current road layout and the existing pedestrian facilities at this location. As part of the investigation, pedestrian surveys were undertaken and these indicated that pedestrians are extensively utilising the Zebra crossing facility near to Queen Street and the crossing facility at the War Memorial. A significantly lower number of pedestrians are choosing to cross at the northern radius of the junction when travelling westbound from Fountain Street.

As part of this investigation, two measures have been recommended. Firstly it is proposed to not to reinstate the 'Keep Clear' marking on Ball Haye Street at the junction of Fountain Street which was recently removed as part of planned highway maintenance works. Secondly it is proposed to install a short section of guardrail around the northern radius of the Fountain Street junction.

It is proposed that these measures are funded from the 2016/17 financial year Capital Programme and be carried out alongside planned highway maintenance works in the Leek area.





I hope the information provided within this letter is useful. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

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**Principal Transport Planner**  
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