

HM Coroner's Office
Mr Tom Osborne
HM Senior Coroner
The Court House
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10 November 2016

Dear Sir

**Inquest touching the death of Stephen Sean CAHILL
Inquest held on the 18th August 2016 at Coroners's Court, Amphill**

I refer to your report dated 23rd August 2016 and the very sad death of Stephen Sean Cahill.

In respect of the matters of concern raised in your letter we respond as follows:

- We have commissioned works to enhance the fencing and gates in this area. These works will be delivered by 15th January 2017 and will be to install over 600m of fencing and upgrade the gate height and construction to deter unauthorised access to the railway in the area.
- Our internal standard mandates that after unauthorised access has been detected that our "Off Track" team (who maintain our boundary) perform an inspection to fix any damage or recommend investment in upgrades to prevent access where necessary. Their assessment is based on trained assessment of risks at the site. In this instance we decided that this site required an upgrade as detailed above.

We take the issue of suicide very seriously. On the route from Peterborough to Kind Cross we have invested significantly in removing the opportunities for unauthorised access to the railway. We have done this primarily through physical mitigation such as platform end barriers, mid-platform fences at stations and lineside fencing at our boundary line. As part of this work we currently have four joint projects with the British Transport Police and have recently engaged with several local authorities at points within this area of railway. We continue to explore what other opportunities can be realised together with our partners the British Transport Police, Train Operators and Samaritans.

Nationally we have been working with the Samaritans since 2010 supporting campaigns aimed at reducing suicides on the railway as well as training our staff to be better prepared to recognise and respond to members of the public who may be considering ending their lives.

I trust this answers your concerns but please advise if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,


Route Managing Director