



**Ian Pears**  
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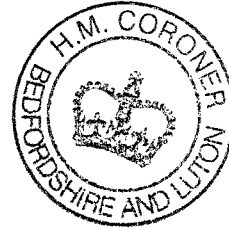
**REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS**

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p><b>The Chief Executive Network Rail 1 Eversholt Street London NW1 2DN</b></p>
<b>1</b>	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am Ian Pears, Assistant Coroner for Bedfordshire and Luton</p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p><a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</a></p>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On 9 March 2016 I commenced an Investigation into the death of <b>Susan Elizabeth HAMLETT</b>, aged 66 years. The Investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on 04 August 2016. The Conclusion of the Inquest was 'suicide; the medical cause of death was 'Multiple Severe Traumatic Injuries'.</p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>On the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 the driver of a train travelling at 115 mph saw the deceased walk from behind the bridge pillar and lay down across the tracks looking at the train. The deceased was killed instantly.</p>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>CORONER'S CONCERNS</b></p> <p>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.</p>

	<p>The <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <p>(1) The British Transport investigation revealed that the deceased gained access to the railway line through an access gate at Lower Farm Road, Bromham, Bedfordshire. The gate is of wooden construction and provides little deterrence or hindrance to someone wanting to gain access to the railway. The gate has a wooden fence around it of a similar height.</p> <p>(2) The investigation identified that the area around the wooded track access gate, at the western side of the bridge, should be removed and replaced with a more significant fence as a matter of urgency. It is understood that this has not been undertaken.</p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Network Rail have the power to take such action.</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by <b>01 November 2016</b>. I, the Assistant Coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my Report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons</p> <p><b>[REDACTED]</b> – husband of the deceased.</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>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.</p>

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Dated 04 August 2016



A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ian Pears', written over a dotted line.

IAN PEARS  
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