



# Dorset County Council

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Dear Mr Nicholls

### Inquest into the death of Reverend Colin Hodge

The fatal site investigation was completed by colleagues at Dorset Police and Highway Officers on 23 May 2016. This investigation did not reveal any highway related factors that contributed to the fatality.

Prior to this investigation the County Councillor for the area had raised local concerns with this location. The concerns centred on there being no kerb line defining the 'end' of the footway. In recognition of these concerns kerb stones were installed on 19 August 2016 to define the edge of the footway. As part of these works, a small section of new surface was laid in order to address concerns with the footway surface. Whilst the surface was not in any way defective a pragmatic decision was taken to improve the footway surface as part of the kerbing work. The images attached show the site in question before and after the work had been completed.

Concerns regarding vehicles overrunning the footway whilst making a left turn into Howard's Lane from North Street have not previously been raised with us. In recognition of these concerns a marker post (bollard) will be erected in the footway to prevent vehicles from overrunning the footway at Howard's Lane.

I trust that the actions already taken and planned satisfy your request for improvements to be made at the junction between North Street and Howard's Lane.

If you need more information please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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Service Director Highways & Emergency Planning

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