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Dear Mr Brown

Further to your request for information dated 13 April as part of your investigation into Daniel Campbell's death I apologise for the length of time this response has taken. This was due to oversight as it was believed this letter had already been sent.

I can confirm that Network Rail has reviewed the active fencing proposals for upgrade on both sides of the track in the section where the incident occurred and have included these in our 2018 renewals plan. Stone walls are a specialist entity, which require specialist contractors. We will aim to repair/restore the smaller sections where possible, but large sections which have failed will be plugged with appropriate lineside fencing to maintain integrity.

Network Rail has completed an extensive upgrade of our lineside fencing to the north of this location in conjunction with significant trespass and another suicide incident between Spittal and Berwick.

In May, my team walked through the section between Scremerston and Spittal, whilst the fencing already meets Network Rail standards further works will be planned to improve the robustness of this boundary.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me

Sincerely,

Head of Maintenance (North)