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In the South London Coroner's Court

Inquest touching the death of Robert Walker

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Report to Prevent Future Deaths (*Coroners (Investigations) Regulation 28*)

	<p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>Tandridge District Council</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Selena Lynch, senior coroner for the coroner area of South London</p>
2	<p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</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. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 4th August 2015 I commenced an investigation into the death of Robert Walker, age 62. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 8th March 2016. The conclusion of the inquest was that Mr Walker died from multiple injuries as a result of a road traffic collision.</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On 4th August 2015 Mr Walker was riding his Triumph motorcycle with a group of other motorcyclists travelling north on Old Farleigh Road, South London. The group was riding within the speed limit and Mr Walker was not impaired by alcohol, drugs or illness. He lost control of his motorcycle on the second of two bends close to the Farleigh Border and Hillocks Wood.</p>
5	<p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</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 MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>(1) The bend lacks sufficient deviation markings (2) There is a tree trunk near the edge of the carriageway that presents a danger to road users particularly cyclists (3) A path that approaches the road and is well used by walkers has a surface that could cause walkers to slip into the carriageway. (These matters of concern are summarised in the report of [REDACTED] from</p>

	Catford Traffic Police. An extract from his report is attached.
6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p><i>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 3rd May 2016.</i> I, the 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>
8	<p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the family of Robert Walker. I have also sent it to [REDACTED] (Catford Traffic Police) who may find it useful or of interest.</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>
9	<p>DATE <i>9th March 2016</i> SIGNED BY CORONER <i>Selma Hyman</i></p>