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Karen L Dilks
HM Senior Coroner
Coroner's Court
Civic Centre
Barras Bridge
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
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Dear Ms Dilks

Re: Regulation 28 - Graeme Stafford Flatman (Inquest 24/10/2017)

I refer to your letter dated 10th November containing a copy of the report pursuant to Regulation 28 of the Coroner's Investigations and Regulations 2013.

As you state in the report the A593 is a typical scenic route in the Lake District National Park with a speed limit of 60 miles per hour. The route links Ambleside in the north to Broughton-in-Furness to the south going through Skelwith Bridge and Coniston. Along the route at various locations there are signs to warn road users of bends, road narrowings, steep inclines and cyclists and in addition road markings have been introduced to advise drivers to slow down in advance of a hazard ahead.

As a result of the Regulation 28 report we will visit the site, with the police if possible, and review the signage at the collision location. It is hoped to organise this site meeting early in the New Year and install any measures before the end of March.

The speed limit of 60 mph is typical for the rural roads in the County but this will also be looked at with regard its appropriateness. Any changes to this will require a consultation and legal process which will take at least 6 months to complete.

As this road is within the National Park we do try to keep sign clutter to a minimum and this will be a factor in considering new signs and a new speed limit but road safety will be the major consideration.

I hope this provides a satisfactory response to the Regulation 28 Report but if you require any more information or clarification do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Assistant Director - Highways, Transport & Fleet