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Dear Mr Barlow

**Re: Prevent Future Deaths Report for Paul Fairey (deceased) (date of death: 23/09/17)**

On behalf of the Council I can confirm receipt of your letter dated the 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018 containing the Prevent Future Death Report touching the death of Mr Paul Fairey. I set out below our response to the matters of concern raised in your letter.

The MATTERS OF CONCERN raised are as follows. --

(1) The street lamp nearest to the collision site (8m south of De Frene Rd, on the east side of Mayow Rd) was shrouded by tree foliage causing a large shadow across Mayow Rd. This shadow encompassed the site of the collision and the nearby pedestrian crossing point.

**Response** - The trees under consideration are privately owned. Letters were sent to the adjacent property owners in May 2018 requiring that they cut back the tree foliage to the highway boundary. As no action has been taken the Council is arranging for the foliage to be cut back. The work is expected to be completed by the end of February 2019.

(2) There is a painted "SLOW" on the north bound lane near to the collision site. The evidence was that this sign has faded and may not be clearly visible to a motorist.

**Response -** The northbound "SLOW" marking approaching the crossing point was remarked in December 2017. The southbound slow marking approaching the crossing point was also remarked.

(3) There is a speed cushion close to the pedestrian crossing point. The evidence was that a car can straddle this speed cushion without needing to slow down.

**Response -** The speed cushions in Mayow Road have been in place for a number of years and may be less effective due to long term wear. Financial constraints generally mean that widespread renewal of worn traffic calming features is not feasible. However it is proposed to reconstruct the speed cushions in close proximity of the two pedestrian refuge crossing points adjacent to Mayow Park to ensure that they are as effective as possible. This work is programmed to be completed by the end of April 2019.