




Signed by **Geoffrey Sullivan**
Title **Senior Coroner**
Jurisdiction **Hertfordshire**

	<p>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</p> <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Network Rail</p>
1	<p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Geoffrey Sullivan Senior Coroner for Hertfordshire</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/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</p>
3	<p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 21st November 2017 I commenced an Investigation into the death of Darren Robert URQUHART. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest 29th August 2018. The conclusion of the inquest was Suicide</p> <p>Medical Cause of death:</p> <p>1a Multiple Traumatic Injuries</p>
4	<p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>On the 13th November 2017 Darren Urquhart was struck by a train after jumping from platform 1 of Hitchin Railway Station. Police and paramedics attended and he was confirmed dead at the scene at 21:13 hours.</p>
5	<p><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></p> <p>During the course of the Inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. The matters outlined below were not found to have caused or contributed to the death. In my opinion, however 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 position of the trespass mat referred to in the report of T.Ramskill at recommendation 2 of his site report.</p> <p>(2) The lack of gates at the south end of platforms 1 and 2.</p> <p>(3) The inadequacy of the fencing shown in image 6 of T.Ramskill's report and the position of the trespass deterrence mat low down on the ramp.</p>

6	<p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you Network rail have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by Tuesday November 27th 2018. 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 following Interested Persons:</p> <p>Ms R Urquhart, sister of the deceased. British Transport Police</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>10/09/2018</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p>Signature _____ Geoffrey Sullivan Senior Coroner Hertfordshire</p>