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Dear Mr Haigh,

Re: Kendall James CHADWICK (Deceased)

I refer to your Regulation 28 Report regarding the Inquest into the death of Kendall James Chadwick and your comments concerning the bend close to Leese Hill on the A518 at Lower Loxley. This letter is in response to your matters of concern recorded in section 5 of your report.

Following receipt of your letter, a thorough investigation has taken place at the location in question. These investigations incorporated a site visit and included assessment of the current road layout and the existing signage and road marking arrangement. A similar investigation was undertaken following a fatal road traffic collision that you refer to in your report that took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011. Following that investigation, anti-skid surfacing was installed in August 2012. The 2018 SCRIM deficiency survey to determine skid resistance, has highlighted that this section of the A518 where the anti-skid surfacing was installed, is performing positively and is above the investigatory level. In addition to the measures that you document such as the enhanced signage and the use of marker posts, on both approaches to the bend there is a Vehicle Activated Sign to warn motorists of the bend ahead.

Examining the accident history for this location, apart from the collision involving Mr Chadwick in May this year, Staffordshire County Council has not been made aware of any personal injury collisions on this section of carriageway since 2014.

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The conclusions of the investigation identified two general maintenance tasks to be undertaken. These tasks include the replacement of the damaged chevron signs and reinstalling the missing marker posts. These works will be completed at the earliest opportunity.

I hope the information provided within this letter is useful. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,

Road Safety Manager

