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Dear Mr Allen

Update: Rowan Lloyd Deceased - Portland Road, Weymouth

I would like to update you on progress made since my letter to you in early February which outlined steps that we were taking in light of the inquest into the death of Rowan Lloyd in June 2018.

The proposed hatched lining on the footways have been completed. As described in previous letter this lining is hoped to encourage people to avoid using the edge of the footway on the A354 approaches to the signals.

Also, I understand that a redundant lighting column on Merley Road is hoping to be completed later this month by our contractor Southern and Scottish Electric. However, there could be a delay in this work being completed. Site investigations revealed that the lighting column is connected into the same circuit as the traffic signals. As the work may require a temporary switching off of the traffic signals additional notice is required before the works can take place owing to the potential disruption created.

A pre-feasibility study of the signalled junction between Portland Road, Merley Road and Langton Avenue has been completed; a copy has been enclosed for your information. This study was completed in conjunction with a wider study that is being carried out of the A354 route between Portland and Weymouth.

As you will read in the pre-feasibility study, recommendations have been made for pedestrian crossings and advanced stop lines for cyclists to be incorporated into the signalled junction. However, we are not able to commit to these works being carried out as the full extent of the A354 route study is not yet known. Funding for any improvement works on the A354 will be limited and will need to be focused on areas where the safety benefits will be greatest. The recommendations of the pre-feasibility study and safety along the whole corridor will be considered as part of the route study.

If you would like any more information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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Road Safety Manager