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Mr David Ridley Senior Coroner for Wiltshire & Swindon Wiltshire & Swindon Coroner's Office 26 Endless Steet Salsibury Wiltshire SP1 1DP

Sent by email to:

Dear Mr Ridley

Your case reference: 6449996

## **<u>Re:</u>** Albert Thomas Stafford MANLEY deceased Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths

Thank you for your letter dated the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022 in relation to the above. I note your request that consideration be given to the recommendations provided in your report, which are based upon the observations recorded by Wiltshire Police.

As you have identified in your report, subsequent to the collision that took place on the 30<sup>th</sup> May 2021 a number of alterations to the road signs and road markings have taken place.

Following your suggestion that consideration be given to the introduction of further road markings and review of the current signing arrangements, I can advise the site has been visited by experienced road safety professionals with these comments in mind.

Whilst the observations regarding the traffic signs are appreciated, the review has concluded that the existing sign arrangements are representative of the road layout and offer motorists the correct information of the hazards they should expect when negotiating this section of road. Therefore, no further amendments to the road signs are proposed.

With regards to your other observation that the existing signing could be supplemented using road markings depicting the characters 'SLOW', this is something that is considered to be appropriate and would be beneficial in assisting motorist to negotiate this section of road. I confirm that this work will be added to the Council's road marking programme of works for the coming months.

I note the recommendations within the Police report regarding the removal of the hedgerow and your observations on the matter. The hedgerow is outside of the highway boundary and is the responsibility of the landowner, and at present it is not proposed to suggest the removal of the hedgerow for the reasons you mention, but we will continue to monitor the situation and enter discussion with the landowner if deemed necessary in the future.

I hope the above comments are helpful, but if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely



Interim Director Highways & Transport



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