




HM Senior Coroner
Fairfield
Station Road
Cockermouth
Cumbria
CA13 9PT

24th August 2022

Dear Madam

RE: The late Peter John Moorby

We are in receipt of your letter of 23rd June 2022 and the Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths. I regret the delay in responding, but we have been away on an extended break since May and only returned home yesterday.

We note the contents of your report, but would state that we do not consider further action to be necessary for the following reasons: -

1. The incident was a single unfortunate accident, rather than the latest in a series of deaths. The gentleman was highly intoxicated and had been seen in the village and wandering on the road on several occasions during that afternoon and evening in a very inebriated state. We have lived in this village for over thirty years and have never experienced anyone with a problem with the river.
2. One simply cannot fall over the wall and into the river. The route from the house he was leaving to the main road would have led him well away to the right of the wall. He must have deliberately chosen to veer from the natural route and sit on the wall. Most of the stretch between the main road and the spot where he fell has a grassy bank or a bank with undergrowth and shrubs. To raise the level of the wall or indeed to erect any kind of barrier would completely spoil the enjoyment of the wildlife and ambiance of the setting.
3. The wall is adjacent to an unadopted road. This is not a narrow lane (4metres), but a road wide enough to take refuse vans, delivery vans etc.
4. The road is not a public thoroughfare. It is a private road for the use of all the residents of the lower part of Millstream Court. It is a cul de sac.
5. There are several solar lights and motion sensors lights along the unadopted road, so it is not in total darkness. It would be inappropriate and costly to install street lighting and would be harmful to the "Dark Sky ethos" and the local observance of the wildlife.

We, and other residents, do not feel any further action is necessary and, whilst we note your recommendations, we feel most strongly we should not have to bear any cost and considerable inconvenience and the diminishment of our enjoyment of our environment through the complete lack of judgement of one drunken individual.

Yours faithfully

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