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Date

23 November 2022

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Dear Karen

Inquest touching the death of Mr Seth Curtis Palminder THIND

I write in response to the Regulation 28 report relating to the unfortunate death of Mr Thind. My condolences go to Mr and Mrs Thind for the tragic loss of their son, Seth.

The bridge at [Redacted] over the A3([Redacted]) is owned, managed, and maintained by National Highways and forms part of the Strategic Road Network. This would apply to all the overbridges along the A3([Redacted]) corridor, regardless of their primary usage. The [Redacted] bridge carries a public bridleway which is managed by the County Council's Countryside Service, as a right-of-way, and they have confirmed that it is mainly used is by pedestrians and cyclists.

The action that needs to be taken or considered, together with a timetable for possible implementation, will essentially be for National Highways to consider, as the owner of the bridge asset. That said, the County Council, in its role as the Highway Authority for local roads, which includes rights-of-way, would be happy to work collaboratively with National Highways to review any identified solutions that might help prevent, or certainly reduce the risk, of further incidents occurring at this or other sites.

For your information and reassurance, the County Council has its own highway bridge assets, and where similar risks have been identified highway officers have routinely engaged with other specialist teams and agencies e.g. Hampshire County Council's Public Health team, the NHS etc, to determine whether an intervention by the Highway Authority is warranted. The County Council will also review and consider advice and guidance from relevant charity organisations, or special-interest groups, that specialise in mental health matters.

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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If you require further information, or clarification, do please come back to me.

Yours sincerely

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Director – Economy, Transport and Environment