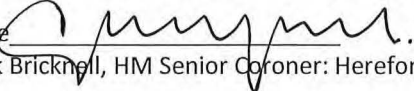




**H G Mark Bricknell  
Senior Coroner  
for County of Herefordshire**

	<p><b>REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS</b></p> <p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</b> [REDACTED], Chief Executive, Herefordshire Council and [REDACTED], Contract Director, Balfour Beatty Living Places</p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b></p> <p>I am Hugh Gregory Mark Bricknell, Senior Coroner for County of Herefordshire.</p>
2	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b></p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7</a> <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made</a></p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b></p> <p>On the 13th day of September 2021 I commenced an investigation into the deaths of Paul Haydn MORRIS and Alison Margaret MORRIS. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on the 25th day of May 2022. The conclusion of the inquests were Road Traffic Collision.</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b></p> <p>Mr and Mrs Morris died together with their family dog following a Road Traffic Collision on the A44 at Crooked Well, Kington, Herefordshire. They were on holiday and followed a recognised footpath which crossed the A44. The inquest heard from (inter alia) a Collision Investigator of the West Mercia Police who confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The curve of the road and foliage restricted the view to a maximum of 78 metres in the relevant direction.</li><li>b) There were no advance warning signs for motorists approaching from the Leominster direction of the footpath which crosses the A44 at this location.</li><li>c) Calculations show the oncoming vehicle was travelling at or below the speed limit for the area.</li><li>d) The pedestrians likely left the safety of the pavement at around the same time the oncoming vehicle would have come into view.</li><li>e) In only a few seconds both motorist and pedestrians would be required to react and consider what action to take.</li></ul>

5	<p><b><u>CORONER'S CONCERNS</u></b></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The <b>MATTERS OF CONCERN</b> are as follows. –</p> <p>(1) The point where the footpath crosses the A44 provides limited visibility to both pedestrians and motorists</p> <p>(2) You may care to give consideration to</p> <p>(i) the prevailing foliage</p> <p>(ii) the position of the safety barriers for both the pedestrian and the motorist</p> <p>(iii) the position or nature of the crossing</p> <p>(iv) the speed of traffic at this point on the A44</p> <p>(v) the level of signage</p>
6	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you [REDACTED] [REDACTED] have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 3rd August 2022, I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p><b>COPIES and PUBLICATION</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons, the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police.</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p>
9	<p>8th June 2022</p> <p>Signature   HG Mark Bricknell, HM Senior Coroner: Herefordshire</p>