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Dear Mr Travers,

Thank you for your letter of 30 December 2022 enclosing a copy of your Regulation 28 report also sent to National Highways, following the inquest into the death of Jordan Pry.

Firstly, I would like to place on record my sincere condolences for the death of Mr Pry. It is a tragedy when any person dies on our roads. I note that your inquest raised concerns about the risk of further deaths at this location without a comprehensive plan for managing surface water remaining on the carriageway.

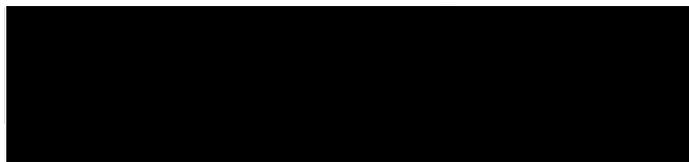
I take the safety of our roads very seriously. The Government and National Highways continually work hard to improve road safety.

Responsibility for the safe management of the Strategic Road Network, which includes the location of this accident, falls to National Highways and I am aware that work has already been undertaken at this site since the accident, including the installation of a vehicle restraint system.

National Highways are writing to you separately to set out the actions they are taking jointly with their partners Connect Plus (M25) Limited and Connect Plus Services to reduce the risks of future collisions on this part of the Strategic Road Network.

My DfT Officials will continue to work with National Highways on the points you have raised in your enquiry.

Yours sincerely,



Rt Hon Mark Harper MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT