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Please ask for: Tracey Lee

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Dear Mr Lane

### **Regulation 28 – Report on Preventing Future Deaths**

I refer to your Regulation 28 Report dated November 2024 to prevent future deaths, following an investigation into the death Jay Stuart Whiting.

I have noted the matters of concern you have raised in the report and respond as follows:

Following the collision, a Road Safety Engineer visited the site of the accident to assess the safety of this stretch of the road. This assessment concluded that a combination of matters including, heavy rainfall and the presence of mature trees along the side of the road was likely to have contributed to the fatality. Later discussions with the police confirmed this impression.

Every road in Plymouth is assessed through an Annual Casualty Reduction Review with a minimum investigatory threshold of 5 injury collisions within a 50m radius over a 5-year period. When assessed in 2022 the area of the collision did not meet investigatory level with 3 minor injury collisions having been reported by the Police over that period. These collisions all occurred in dry weather although 2 did involve excessive speed.

In order to address the safety issues raised within the report, Plymouth City Council plan to implement the following measures:

1. Implementation of a process to extend the 30mph Speed Limit on both sides of the A374 Embankment Road from its current terminal north-east of Stanley place to a point north-east of the Rowing Club, approximately 800 metres. This will involve the introduction of a Traffic Regulation Order (“TRO”) and as such will be subject to a statutory process which will include a statutory consultation followed by a formal decision to be taken in accordance with the Council’s constitution. If following this process the TRO is agreed, it is envisaged that the lower speed limit will be introduced at the beginning of April 2025.
2. We plan to remove a number of trees adjacent to the north-east bound carriageway between the Glendinning Depot and Arnold’s Point. The works for tree

removal will entail road closures and eventually require complete reconstruction of the carriageway and footway over approximately 450m of road. It is anticipated that removal of the trees in question will take place by the end of June 2025, but this will be subject to working through any relevant statutory requirements for tree removal.

As part of this process, the City Council has considered removal of the trees sited on the south-west bound carriageway. These trees have no history of involvement in collisions with vehicles and are also planted in a way which does not block the adjacent footway/cycleway. This section of road is in-bound towards the City Centre and currently has lower traffic speeds due to the junction with Lanhydrock Rd and the presence of a Safety Camera in advance of the junction. As the speed limit will now be dropped to 30mph with a Speed Camera in place, it is not considered that the trees on this side of the road present a significant risk and will therefore remain in place. Given the constraint on Council budgets, work on roads which present a significant risk of collisions must be prioritised.

I trust the above measures adequately rectify the concerns set out in your Regulation 28 Report.

Yours sincerely



**Chief Executive**