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Dear Ms Morgan,

**Re: Donald John Drummond MITCHELL**  
**A48 Laleston, Bridgend**

I refer to your Regulation 28 report to prevent future deaths, received on 24 January 25 following your investigation into the death of Donald John Drummond Mitchell and your comments concerning the A48 Laleston, Bridgend.

This letter is in response to the matters of concern recorded in section 5 of your report, which states:

- the number of recorded Personal Injury Collisions between 2015 and 2024
- current absence of an active travel route or modifications to the route to specifically cater for cyclist safety

and your request to identify actions which should be taken to prevent future deaths.

In providing this response, the Council would again like to convey sincere condolences to the family for the loss of Mr Mitchell in such tragic circumstances.

**Background**

The A48 is one of the main access roads into Bridgend from the West and East, and carries a high volume of traffic throughout the day, it is also the dedicated alternative route for the M4 traffic between Junctions 37 Pyle and Junction 35 Pencoed if the M4 is closed following an incident on the Motorway. The character of the road is rural/semi-rural, wide in nature with a mix of dual carriageway and single lane, with speed limits set between 40mph and National speed limit.

The section of highway where the incident occurred has a unique street reference number of 47605367 and is recorded as A48 Bypass Road Broadlands Roundabout to Laleston Roundabout.

The 7-day average traffic flows for the period 16/1/2025-22/1/2025 on the A48 within 50m of the junction of Wells Street where the incident occurred was 15,345.

### **Response to concerns Raised under Regulation 28 report.**

To date, the following action has been taken in response to your concerns raised:

The active travel department continue to undertake a study to provide high level options for an Active Travel Link alongside the A48 between Picton Court roundabout and Laleston Roundabout. The Council reviews and updates its list of strategic transport schemes annually and will present to Cabinet later this year with further information on timelines and funding for all projects.

The highway maintenance department continues to carry out highway defect inspections on this carriageway in alignment with the Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance and the County Surveyors Society (Wales) review of the 2016 code.

The Traffic Management Department has undertaken an internal desktop review followed by site assessments of the A48 between Ewenny Roundabout and Pyle Roundabout with the outcome as follows:

- Existing speed limits have been assessed in line with current Setting Local Speed Limit in Wales (SLSLiW) guidance. Considering the character and nature of this road the set speed limits conform with the SLSLiW criteria, and the criteria does not recommend the use of speed limits to tackle individual, isolated locations.
- Speed Surveys were undertaken either side of the junction of Wells Street with the A48 in January 2025. 85%ile speeds for 2-way traffic east of the junction were recorded as 54mph, whilst 85%ile speeds for 2-way traffic just west of the junction were recorded as 53mph which is consistent with the posted speed limit.
- Review of existing signs and road markings in line with current Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions 2016 Guidance has been undertaken with no additional works being required at this time.

Additionally, I can confirm that the whole section from Laleston Roundabout through to Broadlands Roundabout is in light since April/May 21 and fitted with LED lanterns, with connections regularly checked in accordance with maintenance procedures.

### **Conclusion**

It should be noted that the serious collision investigation unit of the police have not raised concerns with the Council regarding the posted speed limits, road layout or vehicle speeds of the A48 during their investigations.

As part of our statutory functions and commitment to our communities and road safety, Bridgend County Borough Council continues to monitor personal injury collision data reported on the public highway to identify accident clusters and trends. Any treatable pattern of accidents identified will have proportionate remedial measures put forward for funding and will be prioritised against other locations across the borough.

Consideration of the actions highlighted above will continue, with a view to determining if any improvements at this location are justified as a priority, over and above other schemes alongside our annual program of road safety schemes which are submitted to Welsh Government for consideration.

I trust you will find the Council's response as outlined above as proportionate to the concerns you have raised. In conclusion, the Council takes all accidents seriously, and where appropriate implements measures to make the highways network safer provided the threshold for number of road accidents on individual sites is met.

Yours sincerely

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