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Dear Ms Dixon

**Re: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths  
B5012 Cannock Road, Pillaton.**

I refer to your Regulation 28 report regarding the inquest into the tragic death of Dafydd Hûw CRAVEN-JONES aged 18, Dafydd Morgan JONES aged 17 and Sophie Chloe BATES aged 17, following a road traffic collision on 25/05/2025 on the B5012 Cannock Road, Pillaton.

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

*“There have been two separate fatal road traffic collisions on the B5012 Cannock Road between January 2024 and May 2024. I have concerns about the prominence of signage and the absence of road markings on the approach to the humpback bridge”.*

Following the fatal collision in May 2024, Staffordshire County Council have been in active discussion with the Serious Collisions Investigation Unit at Staffordshire Police to understand the circumstances of both fatal collisions. Site visits were also conducted with the local Highways team and with elected representatives from district and county councils.

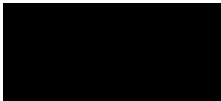
Research of all personal injury collisions recorded by Staffordshire Police has also been undertaken which shows, since 01/01/2012, one other (slight injury) collision has been recorded in the vicinity of this bridge (dated 15/07/2018).

The Collision Hazard Reports submitted by Staffordshire Police in relation to the incidents in 2024 had already recognised the presence of warning signs on either approach alerting drivers to the presence of a hump-back bridge. The existing signs are in a good state of repair, and visibility of the signs was not obscured when the site was assessed on 06/08/2024. However, plans are currently being drawn up to increase the conspicuity of the bridge to oncoming vehicles through enhanced road signage. In addition, the B5012 at Pillaton forms part of the County Council's 2025/26 routine surface treatment programme and additional road markings will also be installed as part of this planned work.

As part of our statutory function and commitment to road safety, Staffordshire County Council routinely monitors 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 around Staffordshire. Delivery timescales for the works detailed above are dependent on weather conditions and other programming constraints but are currently planned to take place during July/August 2025.

I hope the information provided within this letter is useful. Please let me know if you require anything further.

Yours sincerely,



**Road Safety Manager**  
**Staffordshire County Council**