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Dear Sir

**Report for the Prevention of Future Deaths**  
**Death of Emma Jane Hill**

I refer to your e-mail dated 9 April 2025 enclosing a copy of your report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

Within your report, you state the following matter of concern:

*Following discussions with the Roads Traffic Policing Unit of North Wales Police, I am concerned that although at this location the A534 is a comparatively straight stretch road, the visibility from the junction when turning right out of the village in the direction of Wrexham may on occasions be obstructed by signage and/or by vehicles which are slowing to turn into the village.*

*Furthermore as this straight stretch of road is subject to a national speed limit following a 40 mph zone, traffic may be accelerating or travelling at speed, thus creating risk both for persons exiting the junction and traffic which is continuing along the main road. It is also my understanding that there have been previous collisions in this vicinity in the past.*

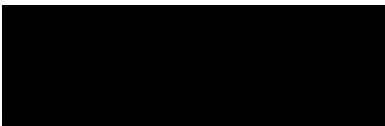
*Unless action is taken to improve visibility, reduce the speed of traffic or to alter the road layout, then there is an ongoing risk that further collisions will occur and that lives may be lost as a result.*

I can confirm that our Network & Asset Team Leader has liaised with colleagues from Cheshire West & Chester Council in relation to the speed limit reduction. Whilst this would be subject to a formal Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation process, both Local Authorities have given a principle commitment to reducing the speed limit on this road and doing so in partnership given the road crosses the border.

Additionally, the location has been assessed by our Road Safety Officer. It has been determined that the junction would benefit from some minor alterations and we have already raised the sign on the junction to improve visibility. The other improvements can be achieved with amendments to the road markings. We have been notified by North Wales Police that a reconstruction of the collision is planned for the week commencing 2 June 2025 and therefore it would be prudent to await the outcome of that ahead of finalising our proposals. The implementation of the road marking alterations will be commissioned when the speed limit TRO consultation outcome has been determined.

I trust this addresses your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require additional information.

Yours faithfully

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**Chief Officer Environment & Technical**