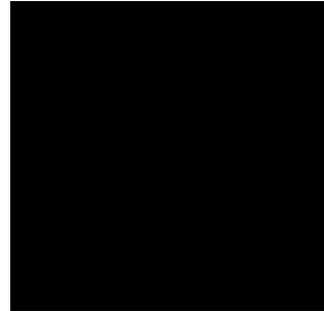


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18 February 2026

Dear Ms Lee,

Re: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths

I am writing in response to the Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths report issued on 8 December 2025 concerning the tragic deaths of Matilda (Tilly) Grace Seccombe and Harry Joseph Purcell.

On behalf of Brake, I extend our deepest condolences to the families, friends, and communities affected by the deaths of Tilly and Harry. We recognise the profound trauma and grief caused by this tragedy, and we offer our sincere sympathy to everyone impacted.

We also wish to commend you for your thorough investigation and for issuing a Prevention of Future Deaths (PFD) report. Such reports play a vital role in identifying risks and prompting action to reduce the likelihood of further loss of life.

Your report highlights the significance of peer influence, vehicle loading, and rural road hazards for young drivers, and identifies uncertainty around how well these risks are understood by young people, parents (particularly those arranging insurance cover), and schools. These are important issues that require continued consideration at national level.

Brake is a national road-safety charity. We campaign for evidence-based policies that prevent road deaths and injuries, raise awareness of key risks, and provide specialist support for people bereaved and seriously injured in road crashes.

We have long campaigned for stronger licensing measures to protect young and newly qualified drivers, and this remains one of our organisational priorities. We partner with the Protect Young Drivers campaign, and we will shortly be releasing research undertaken last year on this issue. I will ensure a copy is shared with you once published.

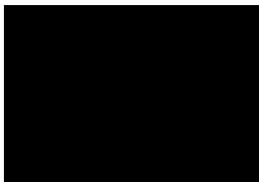
Education and awareness-raising are also central to our work. Brake has delivered road-safety education for many years, including initiatives in primary schools, and we coordinate Road Safety Week each November. We note the new National Road Safety Strategy's emphasis on a lifelong learning approach and the government's commitment to publishing national guidance and a supporting manual for road-safety education. We welcome this focus and will follow its development closely.



Alongside our campaigning and education work, we operate the National Road Victim Service, providing specialist emotional and practical support to families bereaved and seriously injured in road crashes. In 2025, we supported more than 2,000 families. The trauma we witness every day reinforces the urgency of effective prevention measures.

Brake will continue to use our voice and our platforms to raise important issues such as those identified in your report. We do so on behalf of all families devastated by road crashes, with a commitment to doing all we can to prevent future tragedies and reduce harm where crashes still occur.

Yours sincerely,



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Brake, the road-safety charity

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