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For the attention of Emma Mather, Area Coroner

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1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Dear Madam,

#### **HSE Response to Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Notification**

I refer to the recent inquest into the death of Brody O'Brien and your above notification.

HSE does not have any enforcement responsibility for the disused mill as there is no ongoing work activity. However, the mill building is bordered on two sides by a site under the control of Spenside Developments Ltd which is enforced by HSE. We inspected the site in November 2025 and took enforcement action with regard to improvements to site security. A further visit was made on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026 to re-assess site security and the necessary improvements to the site fencing have been made.

Liaison with legal and planning representatives from Rossendale Borough Council took place to share concerns and ensure that both organisations are working together in an effective and cooperative manner. Representatives from Rossendale Borough Council were in attendance on 17<sup>th</sup> March and advice has been shared with regard to further securing access to the mill building.

Please let me know if you have any queries with regard to the above.

Yours faithfully,

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**HM Inspector of Health and Safety**