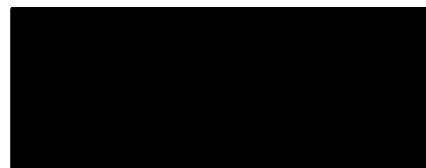


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Dear Mr Haigh

**Re: Joseph Drew Whiteside (Deceased)**

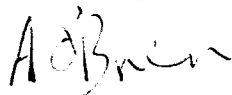
Thank you for advising me of your concerns regarding access to the River Trent at Burton upon Trent, I am able to inform you the Council appointed the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) to conduct inland water safety reviews, across Burton-upon-Trent and Uttoxeter. The review was undertaken across five days in October and November 2013.

The overall aim of the review was to identify any areas where physical controls need to be changed to meet current safety expectations and to identify any overall management arrangements that need to be implemented to maintain an acceptable level of public safety across the Councils' portfolio.

Overall it was found that the average risk rating was in the "lower risk level", eight locations were rated within the "increased risk" category. RoSPA have made recommendations to reduce the risk to an acceptable level and the Council will be acting upon these recommendations as soon as is practicable.

I hope you are reassured the Council and officers are always reviewing safety of inland waterways and act to prevent members of the public and our employees accidentally entering the water, should you have any concerns over specific areas of the river you consider to be a hazard to the public we would be happy to discuss these further.

Yours sincerely



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