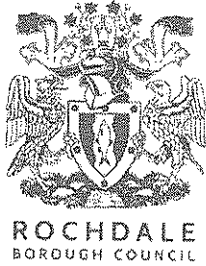


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Date: 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Dear Mr Nelson,

### **Re: Road Traffic Collision - Beryl Brinkman**

I write in response to your Regulation 28 notice issued on 2nd July 2014.

As with any serious and fatal collision, it is normal protocol that on receipt of the Police Incident Report the Road Safety Team carries out a full review and site visit to determine any possible highway issues which may have had an impact on the accident.

In relation to this event, a copy of the Serious Incident Police Report was received on Friday the 10th January 2014, with a follow up Fatal Report on the 13th January 2014.

In order to build up a picture of any previous incidents the accident database was reviewed and results showed that there had been only one recorded personal injury accident at this junction in the last 12 years, as such; the site was not on the priority list for action.

Reviewing the report and looking at the junction in question, it appeared that parked vehicles could have played a part in restricting the visibility in the westerly direction.

After communication with ██████████ (the church representative) and ██████████, the Road Safety Officer met with ██████████ on site on the 22nd January to discuss the possibility of removing the parking bays and the introduction of 'At Any Time' restrictions on the A58.

A commissioning form was submitted to Pennines Township for funding on the 23rd January and received approval on the 18th February. The Network Management Team is currently working on the scheme and the introducing the waiting restrictions.

Site visits have been undertaken and a report is to be presented at the next available traffic Management Unit Meeting, legal orders will be drafted and advertised for a period of 28 days after this meeting. Subject to any formal objections being received it is anticipated that this process will be completed and proposed restrictions introduced within the next four months.

The proposals are to remove the existing parking bays and introduce 'At Any Time' waiting restrictions for a minimum distance of 15metres on the A58 to the westerly side of the access road. Similar restrictions are already in place on the easterly side of the access road along the A58.

With regard to the Greater Manchester Police statement that they approached the Local Authority prior to the incident, I have made enquiries within the department and we have no record as to any approaches being made with regard to problems at this location. There is no record via the monthly Traffic Management Unit Meetings (which the Police attend) or any other channel into the department.

Greater Manchester Police raised the issue with the Highway Authority at the Traffic Management Unit Meeting on the 20th February, after the incident.

Yours Sincerely



Head of Property, Highways and Facilities Management