### **REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS**

#### THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:

1. Stafford, ST16 2LP

#### 1 CORONER

I am Mr Andrew Haigh senior coroner for the coroner area of Staffordshire South

### 2 CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS

I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.

### 3 INVESTIGATION and INQUEST

On 5 October 2012 I commenced an investigation into the death of Mitchell Harvey Clifton aged 7. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 29 April 2014. The conclusion of the inquest was Road Traffic Collision.

### 4 CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH

Mitchell Clifton died at the scene of a road traffic collision at Landywood Lane, Cheslyn Hay on 3 October 2012. He was travelling down the footpath on a scooter and was struck by a van on an access way to a parking area. Neither Mitchell nor the van driver was aware of each other's proximity until it was too late.

# 5 CORONER'S CONCERNS

During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.

The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. -

The access way is a wide one to the Co-operative car park. It is likely that pedestrians and vehicles use this access way on a regular basis. I wonder if you could give consideration as to if the lay-out of this access way might be improved. Possibilities might include tactile or coloured paving, extension of the double yellow lines (or other road markings), or the insertion of a central island.

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### 7 YOUR RESPONSE

You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 11 July 2014. I, the coroner, may extend the period.

Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.

### 8 COPIES and PUBLICATION

I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons:

- Mother of the Deceased)
- (Father of the Deceased)
- (Traffic Process Office Staffordshire Police)
- (Fentons Solicitors)
- (Clyde & Co Solicitors)
- (Local Safeguarding Board)
- (Clerk to Cheslyn Hay Parish Council)

I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.

The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.

# 9 **13 May 2014**

Andrew A Haigh HM Senior Coroner

Staffordshire (South)

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