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12th August 2015

Dear Coroner,

Re. Daniel Foss - Inquest

I write further in response to your Regulation 28 Prevention of Future Deaths Report issued on 7 April 2015.

First, I would like to express my sincere condolences to the family and friends of both Daniel Foss and Louise Lucas. Any death on a City and County of Swansea road is a concern and this Authority will do everything it can to reduce the risk to all users.

Your report raises essentially two matters of concern, namely the number of incidents/collisions since 24 September 2013 and there appearing to be a serious design issue on the Kingsway.

Since the issue of the report you have obtained a report from Mark Steventon dated 10 July 2015. That report is presently being considered and the observations and further mitigating/alternative measures put forward will be considered in light of the measures set out below.

In relation to your concern that the Kingsway must be made safer for the public I respond as follows:

An advisory 20 mph speed limit was introduced in November 2014.

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- Temporary pedestrian barriers were installed on 12 April 2015 to assist in directing pedestrians to existing signal controlled pedestrian crossings. This is however presently being monitored as to whether this contributes to any reduction in accidents or poses any potential risk. I will keep you advised as to whether the barriers will remain in situ following the monitoring period.
- First Cymru has announced that the Metro bus is being decommissioned in September 2015.
- The Authority is revising the road layout and in particular removing the eastbound bus movements along the Kingsway. This rerouting responds to the concerns raised in your Regulation 28 Report and it also brings forward the infrastructure changes required in the City Centre as part of the City Centre Regeneration Framework. I anticipate that once the formalities have been addressed this revised layout will be in place during October 2015.

This Authority is committed to ensuring users of their highways are safe and takes the concerns raised in your report extremely seriously. The Authority will continue to monitor the whole highway network and will continue to work closely with the Police to respond to any safety concerns.

Yours faithfully,

Jack Straw

Chief Evecutive