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From The Chief Executive  
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Dear Mr Ridley

Thank you for sending through a copy of your Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths pertaining to the death of Patrick Derek Sturtivant which was sent to [REDACTED] in April 2015.

As you may be aware, the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England (Historic England) is the Government's statutory adviser regarding the historic environment, and prior to 1 April also looked after the National Collection, which included Stonehenge. From 1 April [REDACTED] stepped down as Chief Executive and the National Collection is now managed by the English Heritage Trust (known as English Heritage) and I am now responding as the new Chief Executive of the English Heritage Trust.

I would like to begin by expressing our great sadness at the death of Mr Sturtivant on 30 August 2014.

I have read your report and understand and share your concerns. I would like to confirm that English Heritage is in full support of your views to downgrade Byway 11 to a Bridleway and close this to vehicular access.

I also share your concern around the transferral of the current issue from Byway 11 to Byway 12 that this closure may cause, and the subsequent increase of risk that may ensue.

No action has been taken recently by English Heritage to review the use of Byway 11 or Byway 12. We would be happy to work with Wiltshire Council and the police regarding the matter in order to prevent the risk of another tragedy around these junctions.



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In summary, I would like to stress once more that we are in full support of the downgrading of Byway 11 to a Bridleway and to close this to vehicular access and that we share your concerns about the impact that this will have on Byway 12. On behalf of English Heritage, I believe that vehicular access to Byway 11 and Byway 12 should be reviewed as a matter of urgency to improve safety.

Yours sincerely

Kate Mavor  
Chief Executive