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Dear Mr Danbury

Re: Jan BODNAR, deceased

Thank you for your letter dated 29 April 2016 and the attached Regulation 28 Report.

I note from the report that you have a number of concerns that you have raised. The County Council takes the safety of road users extremely seriously and in light of these concerns we have undertaken the following;

- Cleared the vegetation (tree, shrubs and other plant growth) at the A505 Slip End Farm junction (inside the safety barrier within the central reserve) on 25 and 27 July 2015.
- Carried out an assessment of similar junctions on this section of road between Baldock and Royston. This has revealed that of the 11 junctions, 6 require further vegetation clearance over and above what is covered by our cyclical grass cutting maintenance programme. This work is planned to be undertaken in July 2016, subject to weather and other factors outside of our control.
- Revised the remit for our highway safety inspectors for this length of road to ensure that vegetation of this nature is identified, enabling corrective action to be programmed.
- Revised the maintenance regime for vegetation for this length of road, so that the cutting of trees, shrubs and other plant growth will be carried out in co-ordination with grass cutting on an annual basis.



Further to the items above, we are reviewing forward visibility requirements at similar junctions on other roads in Hertfordshire. We are using a risk/asset intelligence based approach starting with high speed roads. This assessment will be completed by the end of August 2016.

Yours sincerely

John Wood
Chief Executive & Director of Environment