



HM Coroners Office  
Mr Tom Osborne  
HM Senior Coroner  
The Court House  
Woburn Street  
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Bedfordshire  
MK45 2HX

3 November 2016

Dear Sir

**Inquest touching the death of Susan Elizabeth HAMLETT held on the 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016 at Coroners's Court, Ampthill**

I refer to your report dated 18<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and the very sad death of Susan Elizabeth Hamlett.

In respect of the matters of concern raised, being the wooden gate and the fencing, we respond as follows:

- In relation to the wooden gate, this gate will be upgraded by the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016, as part of a comprehensive upgrade to the fencing at this site.
- A multi-agency site visit was organised at the location of this fatality which scoped the site for additional fencing. We will be installing over 600 metres of Class 1 palisade anti-trespass fencing. So far 385 metres of fencing of this has been delivered. The project end date for this is also 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2016.


Bedford to St Pancras has been recognised for special attention and is one of four Focus Areas where we are working with the British Transport Police, Samaritans and Rail Industry partners along the entire line- of- route to seek to reduce incidents of suicide.

We have invested significantly in preventing unauthorised access in this line- of- route through physical mitigations such as platform end barriers, mid-platform fences at stations and lineside fencing.

The attached document shows some of the work that we have done so far. We have four joint projects with the British Transport Police and local authority engagement is being stepped- up at points within this area of railway. We continue to explore what other opportunities can be realised.

I trust this answers your concerns but please advise if you require further information.

Yours faithfully,



**Rob McIntosh**  
Route Managing Director

**Area Summary**

