

**IN THE SURREY CORONER'S COURT**  
**IN THE MATTER OF:**

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**The Inquest Touching the Death of Reece Atkinson**  
**A Regulation 28 Report – Action to Prevent Future Deaths**

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	<p><b>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</b></p> <p>██████████ Area Highway Manager Surrey County Council</p>
1	<p><b>CORONER</b> Ms Anna Crawford, HM Assistant Coroner for Surrey</p>
2	<p><b>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</b> I make this report under paragraph 7(1) of Schedule 5 to The Coroners and Justice Act 2009.</p>
3	<p><b>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</b> The inquest into the death of <b>Mr Reece Atkinson</b> was opened on the 11 December 2015 and was resumed and concluded on the 15th June 2016. The cause of death was:     1a – Head injuries. The conclusion was 'Road Traffic Collision'.</p>
4	<p><b>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</b> On 2 December 2015 Mr Reece Atkinson, an 18 year old young man, was driving on the A25 Sheer Road in Albury. At approximately 10.10pm he lost control of his car whilst he was attempting to negotiate the right bend which passes the entrance to the Albury Sandpit. Mr Atkinson sustained fatal injuries when his car left the road and collided with a tree. The court heard evidence that it is likely that Mr Atkinson was approaching the critical speed for the bend, causing the car to run wide, and that the nearside tyres encroached on a build-up of wet soil and sandy deposits, exacerbating the situation. The court heard evidence that the deposits were tracked out by vehicles from Albury Sandpit.</p>

5	<p><b>CORONER'S CONCERNS</b></p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed the presence of a build-up of wet soil and sandy deposits on the side of the road on the A25 Sheer Road in Albury close to the entrance to Albury Sandpit.</p> <p>The <b>MATTER OF CONCERN</b> is:</p> <p>Contamination on the side of the road close to the entrance to the Albury Sandpit on the A25 Sheer Road in Albury may present a risk to drivers.</p> <p>Consideration should be given to whether any steps can be taken to minimise the contamination and alert road users.</p>
6	<p><b>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</b></p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe that the people listed in paragraph one above have the power to take such action.</p>
7	<p><b>YOUR RESPONSE</b></p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of its date; I may extend that period on request.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for such action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p>
8	<p><b>COPIES</b></p> <p>I have sent a copy of this report to the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. [REDACTED]</li> <li>2. The Chief Coroner</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Signed:</b></p> <p><i>A Crawford</i></p> <p><b>DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> Day of June 2016</b></p>