

10 January 2017

Emma Brown
Area Coroner, Birmingham & Solihull Districts
Coroner's Court
50 Newton Street
Birmingham
B4 6NE



Dear Ms Brown

Exauce Mbiyi Paoulen (deceased)
Grove Lane - Handsworth

Thank you for your letter and report dated 16 December 2016 regarding the above.

My service has worked closely with your office and the West Midlands Police over many years to follow the outcome of inquests and carry out improvements to the highway in order to reduce the potential for the reoccurrence of serious road collisions.

The Council works towards reducing road traffic collision casualties across the City by means of education, enforcement and engineering through a programme of highway improvement works. Our Local Safety Scheme Programme team monitors all reported road traffic collisions that lead to death or serious injury. The locations with the most significant history of incidents are selected for detailed assessment and the development of proposals aimed at reducing the likelihood of further incidents. These proposals are prioritised and form the basis of our Local Safety Scheme Capital Programme.

Prior to receiving your report Grove Lane had been identified for assessment through this monitoring system and initial investigations are being undertaken to develop a local safety scheme at this location. The scope of these investigations will incorporate the suggestions contained in your report. A scheme proposal will be developed in consultation with the local residents, Ward Councillors and West Midlands Police. Following consultation, formal approval will be sought to secure funding to implement the scheme in line with the City's Governance procedures. It is my intention to implement a scheme in the financial year 2017/18 but would hope that if consultation goes well this could be as early as June /July 2017.

To summarise, and to meet the requirements of our formal response to your report:

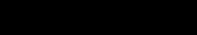
- Birmingham City Council will take action to develop and consult on road safety improvements along Grove Lane.

- The implementation of the scheme will be programmed for 2017/18 with an aspiration that the works will be complete by the end of July 2017.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'A. [unclear]', written over a faint rectangular stamp.


Assistant Director – Highways & Infrastructure