

Tony Williams Senior Coroner for Somerset

| | REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS |
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| | THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Highways Department Taunton Deane District Council |
| 1 | CORONER |
| | I am Tony Williams, Senior Coroner for Somerset |
| 2 | CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS |
| | I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013. http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2009/25/schedule/5/paragraph/7 http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2013/1629/part/7/made |
| 3 | INVESTIGATION and INQUEST |
| | On 29/04/2016 I commenced an investigation into the death of Sally Frances Eveleigh, 70. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 21 September 2016. The conclusion of the inquest was to record a death by Road Traffic Collision At approximately 06:45 on the 27th April 2016 at the junction of Station Road with the A358 Ms Eveleigh pulled out on to the major road into the path of a van, the driver of which was unable to avoid a collision. |
| 4 | CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH Mrs Eveleigh was involved in a fatal Road Traffic Collision. Mrs Eveleigh was the sole occupant of her vehicle when she pulled out onto the main road in front of a van. Paramedics attended and Mrs Eveleigh was still trapped in the driver's seat of the vehicle. Death was confirmed at the scene. |
| 5 | CORONER'S CONCERNS |
| | During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you. |
| | The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. — |
| | [BRIEF SUMMARY OF MATTERS OF CONCERN] The location of this collision was the junction of Station Road with the A358 at Bishops Lydeard. I heard evidence at the inquest that a roundabout had been proposed at this junction for a number of years and that by the time the inquest commenced works were about to start. My concern is that there was a sign erected at this junction indicating that there had been a number of accidents at the junction previously but I was concerned as to whether the erection of such a sign would also necessarily involve a review of maximum speed for vehicles approaching such a junction. |

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| 6 | ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN |
| | In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe the Highways Department Taunton Deane District Council have the power to take such action. |
| 7 | YOUR RESPONSE |
| | You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 19 December 2016. I, the coroner, may extend the period. |
| | Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed. |
| 8 | COPIES and PUBLICATION |
| | I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons (Daughter of Mrs Eveleigh) |
| | I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response. |
| | The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner. |
| 9 | Dated 24 October 2016 |
| | Signature Senior Coroner for Somerset |