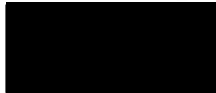


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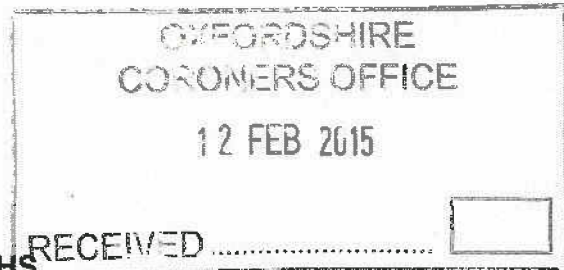


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Dear Mr Salter

KEVIN ROBERT LAWRENSON
REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS
DATE OF DEATH: 18 JUNE 2014
INQUEST AT OXFORD CORONER'S COURT ON 17 DECEMBER 2014



Further to your letter dated 18 December and my acknowledgement of 29 December I now provide a substantive response to your report.

We are now in possession of an investigation report commissioned from UK Highways M40 Limited, the company that operates the M40 motorway on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, which has studied accidents on the M40 between Junctions 6 and 5, Stokenchurch Cutting.

We have carefully considered the recommendations in this report and we have now instructed UK Highways M40 Limited to initiate work to improve signing on the southbound approach to the Stokenchurch Cutting.

UK Highways M40 Limited will be producing detailed designs, road safety audits and site surveys as part of this work and we expect the improved signing to include an additional sign 'Slow Moving Lorries' closer to the steeper section of the carriageway. They will also raise the height of existing signing and provide yellow, high visibility backing boards to increase their conspicuity.

We currently expect this work to be completed this summer.

Yours sincerely



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