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Dear Mr Horsley,

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I write in response to your report on investigations into the death of Timothy Kevin Atkins.

Staff from across the city council were shocked and saddened by the death of Mr. Atkins, and our thoughts and condolences are with his family and all those that knew him.

As a city council we are committed to creating a safer environment for all road users, but in particular our most vulnerable groups, such as cyclists.

In March 2017 work started on a project to improve transport routes on Portsmouth's Eastern Corridor. This consists of various individual schemes including one to widen and straighten the Eastern Road cycle path across the Burrfields Road junction, which will improve safety and visibility.

Work will start in early 2018 on realigning the kerb and repositioning the central reservation and crossing point.

Ahead of this work, agreement was obtained in September 2017, from the operators of the adjacent caravan park to cut back their hedge which runs along the length of the cycle path.

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The development and delivery of a safer cycle network within the city is a primary focus of our citywide improvement programme and with the support of our wider stakeholders, I am confident of our ability to continually improve the network.

If you require any further information please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Director of Regeneration