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Dear Mrs Connor,

17 April 2018

**Inquest into the death of Molly Jean Mills (Concluded 15.02.2018)
Response to Regulation 28 Report (000271-180215)**

I am writing in response to the Regulation 28 Report following the recent inquest into the death of Molly Jean Mills. The inquest concluded that Jean died as result of injuries sustained in a Road traffic Collision on A6006 Melton Road, at the combined entrance to Home Farm and the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre. As a result, you asked Nottinghamshire County Council, as the Highway Authority for this road, to take action to address concerns about the junction.

I can confirm that we are already considering a number of highway improvement measures at this location. The inclusion of this work in the 2018/19 Highways Programme was recently approved by the Council's Communities and Place Committee. However there is some investigatory work to be carried out before we can finalise our proposals.

Firstly we need to consider if the access to Home Farm can be closed on a permanent basis. We are obliged to explore this option as the most obvious and effective solution, since it would remove the opportunity for the right-turn manoeuvre that Jean attempted, and therefore almost guarantee that a similar collision would not occur in the future. This would require consultation with the various parties affected. Should we receive objections then this closure may not prove possible without specific authorisation from the Secretary of State.

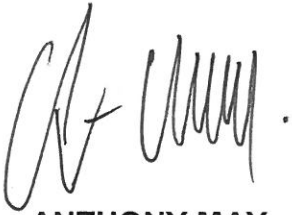
Should it not prove possible or desirable to close the access, we are considering a package of alternative measures to assist drivers attempting to turn right at that location. This includes revisions to the position of the existing central traffic island, and its associated road markings, to make it easier for vehicles to gain access to the right-turn lane when approaching from the east. This should allow drivers to position their vehicles where they can wait more comfortably for a safe gap in the oncoming traffic.

Another measure under consideration is the introduction of a localised reduction in speed limit to improve safety for all road users in the vicinity. This would be supported and reinforced by the introduction of improved signing to encourage lower speeds along this

stretch of road. A speed limit change would also need to be subject to a public consultation process.

The works should be undertaken within the 2018/19 financial year, subject to the results of consultation and detailed design work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anthony May', with a small dot at the end.

ANTHONY MAY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE