REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS (1)

NOTE: This form is to be used after an inquest.

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO: Wessex Route Managing Director, Network Rail, Basingstoke Campus, Gresley Road, Basingstoke RG21 4HG 1 **CORONER** I am Brendan Joseph Allen, Assistant Coroner, for the Coroner Area of Dorset. **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. **INVESTIGATION and INQUEST** On the 1st February 2018, an investigation was commenced into the death of Bartholomew Patrick Coleman, who was born on the 12th March 1945. The investigation concluded at the end of the Inquest on the 18th July 2018. The Medical Cause of Death was: Ia Multiple Injuries The conclusion of the Inquest was Bartholomew Patrick Coleman took his own life while the balance of his mind was disturbed. **CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH** On 24th January 2018, Mr Coleman accessed the train track near to his home address. He lay on the track as a train approached. Mr Coleman was struck by the train and died instantly.

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:

- 1. During the inquest evidence was heard that:
 - i. The likely point at which Mr Coleman accessed the railway line was a bridge on Sandecotes Road, Poole, near to his home address. The bridge has a low brick wall separating the pavement from the area adjacent to the railway track. There is a trodden path through the undergrowth from the wall to the train track, indicating that that this is a route that has been used by others to access this area.
- 2. I have concerns with regard to the following:
 - i. I understand children of school age cross the bridge to and from school. There is evidence to suggest that the area has been used by either groups or individuals to consume alcohol: there are discarded drinks containers in the area beyond the bridge and close to the train track. I am concerned that the railway track is easily accessible to members of the public from this bridge. In addition, there appears to be no warning as to the dangers presented by accessing this area.

6 ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN

In my opinion urgent action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you and/or your organisation 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, 20th September 2018. 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:

(1) Mrs Bridget Coleman, the wife of Mr Bartholomew Patrick Coleman;

(2) Coroners Enquiry Co-Ordinator for British Transport Police.

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

Signed

Brendan J Allen