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Thank you for your letter of 3 April 2019 and the accompanying report into the fatal accident on Deptford Green. I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Ms Peto.

You recommended that the Department for Transport "should use its available legal powers to introduce appropriate measures to reduce the above identified risk at two stage pedestrian crossings throughout England and Wales".

The responsibility for traffic management on local roads rests with the relevant local highways authority, in this case Transport for London, as they are best placed to consider how to use a range of traffic management measures so that local needs can be effectively met. My Department's role is to provide the overarching strategy and policy context, as well as guidance to help them in managing their roads.

Guidance on pedestrian crossings is currently provided in two documents: Traffic Advisory Leaflet 5/05: Pedestrian Facilities at Signal-Controlled Junctions, and Local Transport Note 2/95: The Design of Pedestrian Crossings. These provide advice on the phasing and staging of pedestrian movements as well pedestrian crossing display sequencing.

You may be interested to know that this advice will shortly be superseded by a new Chapter of the Traffic Signs Manual. Chapter 6 will cover Traffic Control, and will bring together and update many guidance documents, including the two previously mentioned. It will be published later this year.

Chapter 6 will include updated advice on the design of all types of pedestrian facilities, including ensuring that the risks of a layout misleading pedestrians are considered.

From the above, I trust you will accept that no action is necessary with regard to your recommendation.

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