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To: NCC - Gwent Coroner
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths
Attachments: coroner - staley.pdf

Dear Caroline Saunders - Senior Coroner for Gwent,

Re: Jamie Staley, Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths.

My apologies for the delayed response regarding the Regulation 28 Report and the matters of concern raised within. Monmouthshire County Council pass on their sincerest condolences to the family and are grateful for the opportunity to respond to this report and the evidence of [REDACTED]

The A40 is the responsibility of Welsh Government and South Wales Trunk Road Agency (SWTRA). I have copied SWTRA colleagues into this response should they wish to add any further comments.

At present, the left hand side of the B4233 has a dedicated footpath running alongside the River Monnow from the Town Centre leading to a subway under the A40 to Beach Road. (Beach Rd can also be accessed by footpath over the Gibraltar Tunnels alongside the B4293). The footpath continues and runs alongside the A40 slip road allowing pedestrians to cross the River Monnow heading northbound and gain access to Chippenham Fields. This kerbed footpath is well sign posted and physical barriers separate the slip road from the main A40.

The right hand side of the B4233 leading to the slip road coming off the A40 where the accident occurred is unpaved with no pedestrian access. There is a narrow grass verge backed with hedging along the slip road which provides a sight line for motorists as they egress the A40. There is a petrol station OneWay access just past the slip road and there is a NO EXIT sign to the road and verge. The verge leading from the petrol station to the slip road is also obstructed with a Welcome to Monmouthshire sign facing the oncoming traffic, the sign runs the width of the verge blocking pedestrian access. There are two illuminated NO ENTRY signs on either side the slip road leading from the Gibraltar Tunnels and oncoming traffic. Physical barriers and further signage along the B4233 and non-pedestrianised verge could obstruct sight line vision and potentially lead to more accidents.

Whilst the report identifies that signage did not contribute to the accident we will continue to work with SWTRA to identify any additional measures that may improve safety on this junction.

Regards

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