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This matter is being dealt with by: [REDACTED] Asset and Network Manager, Infrastructure, Planning and Transportation, City Development Directorate, Sunderland City Council, Jack Crawford House, Commercial Road, Sunderland, SR2 8QR. Tel 5611298

Dear Mr Winter

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS-Gary Ronald Sloan

I refer to your report detailing the circumstances and your recommendations following the road traffic collision which tragically took the life of Mr Sloan. My deepest condolences rest with Mr Sloan's family and friends.

Whilst acknowledging your concerns I would say that the A690 is one of the city's primary routes carrying nearly 33000 vehicles per day, the vast majority of which travel without incident or harm.

In terms of the stretch of road in question, the council takes its responsibilities for road safety seriously and as such in 2016 a road safety scheme was completed at the High Lane-A690 Junction which has since resulted in a reduction in accidents. In addition, the council has recently introduced an order which bans U turns along this length of the A690 to reduce the risk of unnecessary vehicle conflict, plans of which are attached for your records.


I note your acceptance that this section of road would be considered low risk when determining the installation of a Vehicle Restraint System, however I can state that the council will look to include a scheme in its 2020-2021 capital programme which will mitigate the risk of serious injury to drivers at this location.

In answering your drainage concerns I would say that the frequency of gully cleaning was appropriate and would also confirm that the side entry gully, nearby to the incident, will be replaced with a top entry gully in the spring. For your records I have enclosed a plan showing the location of the proposed gully.

I will of course advise you when all these works have been completed.

I trust that the council's proposals as set out address your concerns, however should you require any further clarifications please don't hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely

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Executive Director of City Development

Encs: 1. Prohibition of U Turns Plan
2. New Gully Replacement Plan