



Your Ref:

Date: 19 October 2021

**Mr G.Clow**

**Coroners Service**

Dear Mr Clow,

**Regulation 28 Report to prevent future deaths – Investigation into death of Heather Frances Page**

I write in response to the Regulation 28 report issued to Broxtowe Borough Council relating to the investigation into the death of Heather Frances Page.

Firstly, our sincere condolences to the family of Miss Page and to all those affected by her death.

**Background**

In 2016 a consultation process was commenced by Network Rail, the aim of this consultation was to engage with the local community on how to reduce and/or eliminate risk at the three level crossings in the vicinity of Attenborough Nature Reserve. These crossing are known as Barratt Lane No 1, Long Lane and Nature Reserve ('the Crossings').

In February 2017, the Policy and Performance Committee of the Council, after being made aware of the consultation, discussed this matter at one of their meetings. Their discussion was to form part of the Council's response to the consultation. At the time the Committee felt that each Crossing had its' own individual role and were deemed important exits from Attenborough Village. It was felt by the Committee that a variety of alternative measures such as public communication and educational exercises were not full considered.

Ultimately, whilst the Committee fully understood the importance of safety, they also felt this should be proportionate and be balanced with the needs of the local community.

**Proposed action to be taken**

The Council has recently received a letter from [REDACTED], (Route Director), Network Rail suggesting a meeting to seek potential solutions to the matters of concern that have been raised. A meeting has been scheduled to take place on Friday 22 October 2021 at 14:00 with both Councillors and Council Officers.

Once this meeting has taken place we will be more clear with what the timetable for action will look like and what the Council's current position is. We will write further once this has been established.

Yours sincerely,



For the Chief Executive