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Dr E E Carlyon
Senior Coroner for the County of Cornwall
Coroner for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly
The New Lodge
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Dear Dr Carlyon

Thank you for your letter dated 28th December 2016 regarding the recent inquest into the death of Simon Dennis Charles.

I can confirm that our local team are in contact with [REDACTED] Director of Cornwall Samaritans, to investigate options for introducing signage at Hells Mouth. The initial thought from our staff is that it would be most practical to have small signs on the barrier near the cliff edge and potentially larger signs in the car park of the café opposite (where Mr Charles' parked van was found). The latter would require the agreement of the café owners.

We anticipate we will be able to have the signs installed on our own land before the Easter Bank Holiday in April.

With regards to the suggestion that vegetation could be planted to prevent access to the cliff edge, we believe this would be difficult to achieve and counterproductive. The exposed nature of the cliff top in this area limits the natural growth of shrubs and we feel it would not be possible to establish sufficient growth to prevent physical access to the cliff. The impact on the views that screening by vegetation would produce would, in our view, encourage visitors to circumvent such a barrier and put themselves in a potentially much more dangerous position, leading to a greater chance of accidental trips and falls.

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Should you wish to, our local ranger team would be happy to meet on site to discuss any other practical measures that may be suggested. If this is something which you would like to do please contact the General Manager for South and Mid Cornwall, Bill Makin, on 01208 265228 who would be happy to set up a meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Director for the South West