

**In the South London Coroners Court
Inquest touching the death of Roger William Maurice De Klerk**

REGULATION 28: REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS

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| | <p>THIS REPORT IS BEING SENT TO:</p> <p>██████████ Head of Highways, London Borough of Croydon</p> |
| 1 | <p>CORONER</p> <p>I am Selena Lynch, senior coroner for the coroner area of South London</p> |
| 2 | <p>CORONER'S LEGAL POWERS</p> <p>I make this report under paragraph 7, Schedule 5, of the Coroners and Justice Act 2009 and regulations 28 and 29 of the Coroners (Investigations) Regulations 2013.</p> |
| 3 | <p>INVESTIGATION and INQUEST</p> <p>On 14th November 2013 I commenced an investigation into the death of Roger de Klerk. The investigation concluded at the end of the inquest on 2nd October 2014. The conclusion of the inquest was road traffic collision</p> |
| 4 | <p>CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DEATH</p> <p>Some time just before noon on the 12th November 2013 the deceased was riding his bicycle along Cherry Orchard Road. After stopping at the lights he turned left into Addiscombe Road travelling on the left hand side of moving traffic. The wheels of the bicycle came into contact with tramlines causing him to lose control and to fall sideways, landing on his right hand side, into the path of a bus travelling in the same direction. The bus driver had no time to take avoiding action or to stop before colliding with the deceased and his bicycle.</p> |
| 5 | <p>CORONER'S CONCERNS</p> <p>During the course of the inquest the evidence revealed matters giving rise to concern. In my opinion there is a risk that future deaths will occur unless action is taken. In the circumstances it is my statutory duty to report to you.</p> <p>The MATTERS OF CONCERN are as follows. –</p> <p>(1) Tramlines present a significant danger for cyclists, either by being caught in the lines or slipping on the metal, particularly in the wet.</p> <p>(2) The design and appearance of the bicycle lane at the junction of Addiscombe Road and Cherry Orchard Road may cause confusion for cyclists who are apparently required to go on to the pavement before the junction in order to cross it safely. The cycle path continues into the junction so that cyclists turning left will be forced to parallel with the lines, rather than crossing at 90 degrees, which is safer.</p> <p>(3) For cyclists who do go onto the pavement, the intended route goes over two tactile paving areas and involves contact with pedestrians crossing at the junction.</p> |

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| | (4) The signage at the junction is confusing and appears to suggest that the tram route is a cycle route, yet the lines are frequently close to pavement at the junction and at other areas further along Addiscombe Road |
| 6 | <p>ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN</p> <p>In my opinion action should be taken to prevent future deaths and I believe you have the power to take such action by undertaking an urgent review of the provision for cyclists on or near tramlines both at this junction and generally.</p> |
| 7 | <p>YOUR RESPONSE</p> <p>You are under a duty to respond to this report within 56 days of the date of this report, namely by 11 December 2014. I, the coroner, may extend the period.</p> <p>Your response must contain details of action taken or proposed to be taken, setting out the timetable for action. Otherwise you must explain why no action is proposed.</p> |
| 8 | <p>COPIES and PUBLICATION</p> <p>I have sent a copy of my report to the Chief Coroner and to the following Interested Persons: [REDACTED] Arriva UK Bus. I have also sent it to Tramlink and Transport for London who may find it useful or of interest.</p> <p>I am also under a duty to send the Chief Coroner a copy of your response.</p> <p>The Chief Coroner may publish either or both in a complete or redacted or summary form. He may send a copy of this report to any person who he believes may find it useful or of interest. You may make representations to me, the coroner, at the time of your response, about the release or the publication of your response by the Chief Coroner.</p> |
| 9 | <p>16th October 2014</p> |