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Dear Ms Burrows,

Re: Notice of Motion debated by Portsmouth City Council on 17th October 2023, Rail Safety

It was resolved at the above Full Council meeting, that all of the Group Leaders, cosigned below on this letter, would write to the Network Rail to request that you develop awareness training for schools and colleges that are local to Portsmouth.

It was noted in the meeting that since 2017, 132 individuals have died as a result of trespassing, across all rail networks within Great Britain, and severe hospital admissions have risen by over 30% annually with a total of 211 people impacted within the six-year period.

There was also the death of Jake Norman at Cosham railway station which caused shock waves across our entire community. This was a tragic incident and epitomises the impact that fatal accidents on train tracks have on many individuals and groups across our communities.

The council therefore resolved that further rail safety awareness is necessary. This will highlight the dangers associated with the rail infrastructure to all schools and colleges within Portsmouth and aim to prevent any further loss of life from fatal accidents.

We would be grateful if you could look into this for us and put in place some bespoke training for schools and colleges in our area. We look forward to hearing from you on how we can achieve this.

Yours sincerely



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Leader of the Council and
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Councillor Simon Boshier
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