

From: Peter Silverman - Clean Highways PS To G Shapps

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To: "shappsg@parliament.uk"

Subject: Deaths on Smart motorways

Dear Mr Shapps,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Secretary of State for Transport.

Please refer to Steve Bird's article dated 18th January in the on-line version of The Telegraph - [Talented university student becomes latest 'stranded' smart motorway death - two others in comas](#)

Highways England was formed in April 2015. Their License from the DfT specified that they **must** establish a **stakeholder advisory panel** and **ensure** that the membership included environment and **safety groups** .

Their failure to do so is detailed at [Highways England's non-compliant Stakeholder Advisory panel](#)

One can only speculate that if they had received advice on safety via a properly constituted panel the recent tragedies may have been mitigated.

I myself nearly lost my life when trying to extricate myself from tight space on a smart lay-by on the M25 in 2017.

I trust this is of help.

Kind regards

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