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Via email: timhicks@pt.lu

Dear Mr Hicks,

Thank you for your email dated 16th December 2020, in relation to the guidance around travelling between different tier areas.

We are relying on the personal responsibility of the public and for them to take a cautious, vigilant approach to their normal day-to-day activities. This includes travelling between tiers, which is not a breach of the Health Protection Regulations but is against government guidance, which we know has been published to reduce the spread of the virus.

Our role in policing the guidance is not to enforce it, as this is unlawful. Nonetheless, the guidance around travel between tiers is intrinsically linked to the restriction breaches, which occur when people breach their higher tier restrictions within a lower tier area.

Our messaging since the end of the national lockdown has been to warn and inform the public and ask them to understand what each of us has to do to limit the catastrophic impact of Covid 19. Despite various press articles indicating otherwise, we are not stopping the public from other areas entering North Yorkshire via vehicle stop checks. This is neither proportionate, justified nor practical. We are using increased visibility to reassure our communities who have raised significant concern over their fears of people from an area with a higher infection rate entering North Yorkshire with the risk of inadvertently bringing the virus with them.

As a region, all partners are doing their best to reduce the infection rates within our communities and we all sincerely hope that all regions show a decline, which will in turn reduce the restrictions we are all living with during this time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Walker'.

Michael Walker
Superintendent
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