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Introduction

Commissioning and Scope

This report results from a Stage 1/2 Road Safety Audit carried out at the site of a leisure development off Salthouse Road in Millom, Cumberland. The audit was carried out at the request of Ash Howarth, Director, Paragon Highways on behalf of the developer of the site.

The Road Safety Audit team membership was as follows:

The Audit Team	Haydn Vernals FCIHT FIHE CMILT MSoRSA Directive 2008/96/EC (Certificate of Competency), Road Safety Team Leader in accordance with GG119
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Audit Observers	None

The main project comprises of a leisure development providing a new building with swimming pool, sports hall and fitness studios. Highway works include a development access, revised footway arrangements and a dropped crossing across both the access and Salthouse Road. Also proposed are amendments to the wall and vegetation to the northern side of the access to improve junction visibility. The scope of this Road Safety Audit is to review the proposed highway works.

The audit has been carried out in accordance with the principles of the National Highways document GG 119 Road Safety Audit. A formal Road Safety Audit Brief was not provided to the Audit Team. However, information regarding the site was provided via email alongside the relevant scheme documents and drawings. This was considered by the Audit Team to provide sufficient detail to undertake the appropriate stage of audit.

The audit also comprised of a desk-top study where all documents and plans provided by the Design Team were reviewed. No departures from standard have been brought to the attention of the RSA team with regard to the scheme as designed.

Site Visit Attendance

A site visit took place comprising of the RSA team on Monday 21st July 2025 between 11:45 and 12:15 hours during which the weather was sunny and the road surface dry. Traffic conditions were light and free flowing with a small number of pedestrians observed and no cyclists observed.

Documents Supplied

- Email proposal background
- PRGN-2419-HGN-DR-CH-0001 D – General Arrangement

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference of this Road Safety Audit are as described in the National Highways document GG119 Revision 2 Road Safety Audit. The Audit Team has examined and reported only on the road safety implications of the scheme as presented and has not examined or verified the compliance of

the designs to any other criteria. However, to clearly explain a safety problem or the recommendation to resolve a problem, the Audit Team may on occasion have referred to a design standard for information only. No member of the Audit Team has been directly linked to the scheme design.

Each of the auditors' responses is classified as a 'Problem' that is likely to result in a significant road safety hazard. All comments and recommendations are referenced to the detailed design drawings and the locations have been indicated on the plan at the end of the report.

Where recommendations are made, these do not comprise design decisions, and it remains the responsibility of the Design Team to incorporate any changes into the scheme and consider any interactions between design elements.

Previous Road Safety Audits

The audit team have not been made aware of any previous Road Safety Audits.

Problems Raised at this Stage 1/2 RSA

PROBLEM – B-01

Location: Salthouse Road – To the south of the development access.

Summary: Pedestrians – Insufficient crossing inter-visibility may increase the risk of collisions involving pedestrians.

An uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point is indicated to the south of the development access across Salthouse Road. Whilst visibility is shown for the development access, none is shown for the pedestrian crossing. The audit team note that the main carriageway curves at this point, reducing crossing inter-visibility at the eastern side of the crossing due to an existing wall to the back of the footway and a crest in the main carriageway. Insufficient crossing inter-visibility may increase the risk of collisions involving pedestrians, especially younger children who may experience masking by the wall at the back of the footway.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that sufficient crossing inter-visibility is provided for the pedestrian crossing point.

DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Standard 2m x 2m pedestrian intervisibility splays shown at proposed pedestrian crossing locations.

PROBLEM – B-02

Location: Development Access – Eastern interface with the proposed car park

Summary: Traffic Signs – Lack of conspicuity may increase the risk of collision with bollards to the eastern end of the development access.

A line of bollards is indicated on the drawings to the eastern end of the development access. It is unclear if these will be provided or what type is proposed. Should bollards be provided here that lack conspicuity, there may be a risk that drivers on the development access come into collision with the bollards, especially during the hours of darkness.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the bollards are conspicuous and are provided with a retro-reflective strip.

DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Note added.

PROBLEM – B-03

Location: Salthouse Road – At the development access.

Summary: Carriageway Markings – Lack of priority indication may increase the risk of junction related collisions.

No junction priority carriageway markings have been provided to highlight the priority at the junction of the development access and the main carriageway. Lack of junction priority carriageway markings may increase the risk of junction related collisions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that junction priority carriageway markings (give way) are provided.

DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Junction markings added.

Audit Team Statement

We certify that the Road Safety Audit Team have carried out their duties as far as practicable in accordance with GG119 Revision 2.

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