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**LAND AT COMMON ROAD, SISSINGHURST
NEW ACCESS OFF COMMON ROAD**

**ROAD SAFETY AUDIT STAGE 1
MAY 2020**

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** This report presents the findings of a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (preliminary design) into proposals for a new vehicle/pedestrian access off Common Road, Sissinghurst, Cranbrook.
- 1.2** This Audit was carried out at the request of Robert Beck of RMB Consultants Ltd and the Audit Team has acted independently of the Design Team.
- 1.3** The site at Common Road has been audited by the LSA audit team before in January 2019 which generated 1 No. ‘problem’ concerning vehicle speeds.
- 1.4** However, it was noted that following the opening of a new development on the opposite side of Common Road a new speed survey was carried out and the 85thile speed was lower and the problem was considered to be closed. It was noted that the location for the ATC was within the bend to the north of the site.
- 1.5** This Audit comprised a site visit and an examination of the documents listed in Appendix A. The site visit was carried out on Wednesday 20th May 2020 in daylight. The visit occurred between the hours of 11:00 – 11:45 and during the visit the weather was fine and dry with good visibility. Record photographs were taken.
- 1.6** The Audit Team membership was as follows:
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| Laurence Shaw MCIHT, MSORSA, RSA Cert Comp | Team Leader |
| Roger Harper BSc (Eng) FIHE IEng | Team Member |
- 1.7** The terms of reference of this Audit are described in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges Volume 5, Section 2, Part 2 GG119. The audit team has only reported on the road safety implications of the existing and proposed facilities and has not examined or verified the compliance of the design or any other criteria.
- 1.8** The works to be audited are for a new vehicle/pedestrian access for a new development.

- 1.9** The location for the audit is on the northern side of the village of Sissinghurst which is rural in nature, has a 30mph speed limit and the area has a system of street lighting but not at the location for the proposed new access. No night visit was carried out in connection with this audit at this time.
- 1.10** The Audit Team noted that signage on the southwestern side of Common Road will require resiting if the scheme proceeds and the need of street lighting opposite the new access road should be considered at Stage 2 RSA.
- 1.11** All comments and recommendations are referenced to the design drawings and the locations have been indicated on the plans supplied with the Audit Brief, annotated copies of which are attached to this report.
- 1.12** No departures from standard have been advised to the Auditor by the design team.
- 1.13** This is a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit and it has been noted that details of drainage, landscaping, bollards and signing, etc. are not included in the information provided to the Audit Team and that any such information will be provided to the Audit Team at Stage 2 RSA unless a problem is noted as a result of the site inspection.
- 1.14** This Road Safety Audit has been prepared in accordance with the instructions from, and for the specific use of RMB Consultants Ltd and their clients. The authors shall not be liable for the information contained in this report if used for any purpose other than that for which it was provided in connection with their appointment as road safety auditors.

2.0 STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

2.1 No problems were found during the inspection of the documents or at the time of the site visit for the proposed new access arrangements.

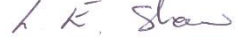
3.0 Audit Team Statement

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT STAGE 1

We certify that this audit has been carried out in accordance with GG119 of Volume 5, Section 2, Part 2, of the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

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APPENDIX A

Schedule of documents examined

Drawing No.	Rev	Title	Description	Scale
17-02668-1510	-	Common Road Sissinghurst Kent	S278 Agreement Plan	1:200 @ A1
684-211	D	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Proposed access showing Visibility Splays	1:200 @ A1
684-212	C	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Swept Path Entrance from South	1:200 @ A3
684-213	C	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Swept Path Entrance from North	1:200 @ A3
684-214	B	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Swept Path Internal Bend	1:200 @ A3
684-215	B	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Swept Path Turning	1:200 @ A3
684-217	-	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Proposed access showing forward visibility splay and ATC location	1:200 @ A1
684-218	A	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Swept path Exit to North	1:200 @ A3
684-219	A	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Swept path Exit to South	1:200 @ A3
684-220	-	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Proposed access showing visibility splays and land ownership	1:200 @ A1
684-222	-	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Visibility Splay to the North	1:200 @ A1
684-223	-	Land at Common Road Sissinghurst TN17 2BH	Visibility Splay to the South	1:200 @ A1

APPENDIX B

SCHEME DRAWING

