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# DESIGNERS REPONSE TO STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDITS 

THE POPLARS, LAND SOUTH OF CLIFTON ROAD, DEDDINGTON

## ON BEHALF OF BLUE CEDAR HOMES LIMITED

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report provides a Designers Response on two Stage 1 Road Safety Audits (RSAs) carried out for two options for the proposed site access arrangements serving the development of seven age restricted dwellings on land to the south of the B3041 Clifton Road.
1.2 The Stage 1 RSA was requested by Oxfordshire County Council's (OCC) Area Liaison Officers on 27 January 2021 to assess the proposals shown in
i. P19-1601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev B Option 1; and
ii. P19-1601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev B Option 2.
1.3 Both drawings are included at Appendix A.
1.4 The Stage 1 Road Safety Audits were received by the design team on 11 February 2021 and the recommendations made in the RSAs have been reviewed accordingly. The Stage 1 RSA of Option 1 is included at Appendix B, with the Stage 1 RSA of Option 2 included at Appendix C.
1.5 This report is set out in the same format as the Stage 1 RSA with the RSA recommendations explained by the Auditor. The Designer's Response is provided under the DESIGNERS RESPONSE heading, beneath the auditor recommendation.

## 2. DESIGNERS RESPONSE TO STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT OF OPTION 1

### 2.1 PROBLEM

Location - Proposed new access junction
Summary: Potential pull-out type vehicle collisions
At the proposed new access junction, visibility to the left for drivers of vehicles emerging from the development could be restricted by vegetation in the verge. Restricted visibility could lead to a vehicle pulling out into the path of an oncoming eastbound vehicle.


## RECOMMENDATION

Adequate visibility splays should be kept free of obstruction, including vegetation and, to ensure that visibility splays remain free of obstruction in the future, the Highway Boundary should be located behind visibility splays.

## DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Noted. Junction visibility splays are in excess of what is typically sought for the locally measured speeds (dimensions as shown on the drawings) and the fact that they are in publicly maintainable highway land means that they will be able to remain free of obstruction.

### 2.2 PROBLEM

Location - Proposed new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on Clifton Road
Summary: Potential hazard for pedestrians
The proposed uncontrolled crossing is located quite close to a bend in the road, and intervisibility between vehicle drivers and pedestrians on the south side of the crossing could be restricted by a high wall. For pedestrians crossing from the south side, visibility to their right could also be restricted by a boundary wall. These potential visibility restrictions could lead to pedestrians stepping out into the path of oncoming vehicles on Clifton Road.


## RECOMMENDATION

The proposed new crossing should be located further to the east, immediately to the west of the remodelled junction with Earls Lane.

## DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Noted. The design has been updated to incorporate this recommendation. P191601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev C shows the relocated crossing position with suitable pedestrian visibility splays in excess of what is required for the locally measured speeds (dimensions as shown on the drawing) and is included at Appendix D.

## 3. DESIGNERS RESPONSE TO STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT OF OPTION 2

### 3.1 PROBLEM

Location - Proposed new access junction
Summary: Potential pull-out type vehicle collisions
At the proposed new access junction, visibility to the left for drivers of vehicles emerging from the development could be restricted by vegetation in the verge. Restricted visibility could lead to a vehicle pulling out into the path of an oncoming eastbound vehicle.


## RECOMMENDATION

Adequate visibility splays should be kept free of obstruction, including vegetation and, to ensure that visibility splays remain free of obstruction in the future, the Highway Boundary should be located behind visibility splays.

## DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Noted. Junction visibility splays are in excess of what is typically sought for the locally measured speeds (dimensions as shown on the drawings) and the fact that they are in publicly maintainable highway land means that they will be able to remain free of obstruction.

### 3.2 PROBLEM

Location - Proposed new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing on Clifton Road
Summary: Potential hazard for pedestrians
The proposed uncontrolled crossing is located on a private driveway access on the south side of Clifton Road. Locating a pedestrian crossing on a private drive could result in conflict between crossing pedestrians and vehicles using the driveway, and lead to collisions between pedestrians and vehicles. This could be exacerbated by pedestrians being required to look for vehicles approaching from three different directions.


## RECOMMENDATION

The proposed new crossing should be located further to the east away from the driveway, immediately to the west of the remodelled junction with Earls Lane.

## DESIGNERS RESPONSE

Noted. The design has been updated to incorporate this recommendation. P191601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev C shows the relocated crossing position with suitable pedestrian visibility splays in excess of what is required for the locally measured speeds (dimensions as shown on the drawing) and is included at Appendix D.

## 4. CONCLUSIONS

4.1 All recommendations made with the Stage 1 Road Safety Audits have been reviewed and considered accordingly.
4.2 The design shown within P19-1601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev B Option 1 and P191601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev B Option 2 has been updated to incorporate these recommendations.
4.3 P19-1601_001_SK Figure 2 Rev C shows the updated proposed site access and potential off-site mitigation works and is included at Appendix D.

## APPENDIX A




## APPENDIX B

Clifton Road, Deddington, Banbury
Proposed Section 278 Works (Option 1)


Road Safety Audit Stage 1
on behalf of Blue Cedar Homes Ltd
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# Clifton Road, Deddington - Proposed Section 278 Works (Option 1) <br> Road Safety Audit Stage 1 

## 1 Introduction

1.1 This report describes a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out on a proposed Section 278 works on Clifton Road, Deddington, Oxfordshire, on behalf of Blue Cedar Homes Ltd. The audit was carried out on $11^{\text {th }}$ February 2021 in the office of Mr Paul.
1.2 The Audit Team members were as follows:

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1.3 The audit comprised an examination of the drawings and other information relating to the scheme supplied by the design office, which is listed in Appendix A. The site was visited by the Audit Team together on $11^{\text {th }}$ February 2021 between 10.30am and 11am. The weather was dry and cold. Traffic flows were moderate, and pedestrian and cycle flows were very low. However, traffic flows may have been affected by coronavirus travel restrictions.
1.4 The terms of reference of the audit are as described in Standard GG 119 (previously HD 19/15). The 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 design to any other criteria.
1.5 All of the problems described in this report are considered by the audit team to require action in order to improve the safety of the scheme and minimise accident occurrence. Comments and recommendations are indicated on the plan in Appendix B.
1.6 The scheme consists of the provision of a new vehicle access off Clifton Road, Deddington, associated with a proposed development on land to the south of Clifton Road, and includes a new pedestrian crossing point across Clifton Road to the west of the proposed access together with alterations to the junction with Earls Lane.

## 2 Items resulting from this Stage 1 Audit

### 2.1 PROBLEM

Location - Proposed new access junction
Summary: Potential pull-out type vehicle collisions
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## 3 Audit Team Statement

We certify that the terms of reference of the audit are as described in DMRB GG 119.

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Date $\qquad$ $11^{\text {th }}$ February 2021

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## APPENDIX A

## Information Provided

## List of Drawings Examined:

Drawing No. P19-1601 Figure 2 Rev B - Option 1

Other Information Provided:
ATC Speed Measurements
Adopted Highway Extents Map

## APPENDIX B

## Location of Problems



## APPENDIX C

Clifton Road, Deddington, Banbury
Proposed Section 278 Works (Option 2)


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## APPENDIX A

## Information Provided

## List of Drawings Examined:

Drawing No. P19-1601 Figure 2 Rev B - Option 2

Other Information Provided:
ATC Speed Measurements
Adopted Highway Extents Map

## APPENDIX B

## Location of Problems



## APPENDIX D



