



A27 junction with Tye Lane

WALBERTON

West Sussex

FINAL STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

M & S Traffic

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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1. This report results from a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out on the A27 at Walberton at the junction with Tye Lane, at the request of David Bowie, Spatial Planning Manager (Acting), Highways England, the Highway Authority. The Road Safety Audit was carried out during June/July 2021.

1.2. The Road Safety Audit Team membership approved by David Bowie; the Overseeing Organisation Project Sponsor was as follows:

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1.3. The Road Safety Audit took place at the Gillingham Office of M & S Traffic during June/July 2021. The Road Safety Audit was undertaken in accordance with the Road Safety Audit Brief provided by Kevin Markey, Associate Director of Ardent Consulting Engineers, Third Floor, The Hallmark Building, 52-56 Leadenhall Street, London, EC3M 5JE, as approved by David Bowie, Project Sponsor for Highways England.

The Audit team was satisfied that the brief and subsequent documents provided were sufficient to undertake the Road Safety audit.

The Road Safety Audit comprised an examination of the documents provided, and these are listed in Annex A. The documents consisted of:

- Description of the scheme.
- Design plans including site location plan, and description of the local highway and adjacent land uses.
- Collision data and collision data analysis (based on CrashMap).
- Anticipated trip generation from the proposed development.

The Audit Team visited the site together on the afternoon of 30th June between 13.00 pm and 13.45 pm. During the site visit the weather was fine and the existing road and footway surfaces were dry. Traffic conditions were moderate and free flowing with high speeds. No pedestrian flows and no cyclist movements were observed during the site visit.

1.4. The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in GG119. The Road Safety 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.

1.5. All comments and recommendations are referenced to the detailed design drawings and the locations have been indicated on the A3 plan supplied with the Road Safety Audit Brief in Annex B.

1.6. The proposals comprise of the provision of new merge taper onto the A27 from Tye Lane, to accommodate an increase in traffic associated with a nearby development.

1.7 No Departures from Standards was provided to the Audit Team.

2. ITEMS RAISED AT THE STAGE 1 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

2.1. GENERAL

2.1.1. PROBLEM

Location: A (Drawing 183248-005B) – At the junction of Tye Lane and the A27.

Summary: Carriageway widening and inappropriate crossfalls could lead to ponding / icing at the junction, which could lead to loss of control collisions.

Carriageway widening is taking place at the realigned junction where longitudinal and crossfalls that do not follow existing carriageway profiles could lead to low spots where surface water could collect and pond. There is concern that ponding may occur, or icing in the winter, which could lead to loss of control collisions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the horizontal and vertical carriageway profiles should ensure that the carriageway drains and does not pond. In addition, that an appropriate surface water system should be installed to allow for the widened carriageway.

2.1.2. PROBLEM

Location: B (Drawing 183248-005B) – At the junction of Tye Lane and the A27.

Summary: Inappropriate tie-ins or significant changes in Polished Stone Values could lead to side swipe collisions and loss of control collisions.

The junction is being realigned to include a merge taper, where inappropriate tie-ins or significant changes in Polished Stone Values (PSV) could lead to differential braking, particularly under severe braking conditions, that may result in loss of control collisions or side swipe collisions. Further, the presence of a joint line within a running lane could destabilise powered two-wheel riders leading to loss of control collisions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that PSV details should be checked to ensure they provide adequate grip resistance for the speed of road, further joint lines should not be within a carriageway running lane.

2.2. ROAD SIGNS, CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS AND LIGHTING.

2.2.1. PROBLEM

Location: C (Drawing 183248-005B) – At the junction of Tye Lane and the A27.

Summary: An inconspicuous traffic island could lead to kerb strikes and loss of control collisions, or vehicles entering the A27 against the direction of traffic flow, leading to possible head on collisions.

A traffic island is proposed at the realigned junction, where there is absence of signage on the island. This could lead to kerb strikes and loss of control collisions or vehicles inadvertently entering the A27 in opposition to the direction of traffic flow, leading to possible head on collisions.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that appropriate bollards with their respective sign faces and illumination specifications together with traffic signs and road markings details should be installed. Further, it is recommended that a “Turn left” carriageway marking, and associated arrow should be installed on the approach to the junction from Tye Lane.

3. AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT

We certify that this Road Safety Audit has been carried out in accordance with GG119.

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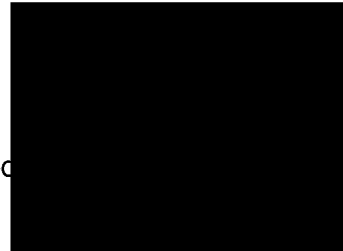


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Annex A - List of Drawings and other information submitted for auditing:

Drawings:

Drawing Number	Title	Date
183248-005 B	Proposed A27/Tye Lane Junction	June 2021

Supporting documentation:

183248-05 Tye Lane	Road Safety Audit Brief, Tye Lane, Warburton (Walberton)	June 2021
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Annex B - A3 Plan attached showing the locations of the problems identified as part of this audit.

