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HD9 6PR

Stage 1 Road Safety Audit



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Project Summary

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	Council (Overseeing Organisation)

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Sanderson Associates Consulting Engineers has been appointed by Miller Homes to carry out a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) of the improvement works to the PROW off Smithy Place Lane, Honley. The nearest postcode to the site is HD9 6PR.
- 1.2 This Stage 1 Road Safety Audit was instructed by David Bowker of Fairhurst Group LLP T/A Sanderson Associates on behalf of Miller Homes on the 27/08/2026. The Highway Authority is Kirklees Council.
- 1.3 A Stage 1 Road Safety Audit Brief (169955-SAN-HGS-XX-RP-01 001 03) has been prepared by Fairhurst Group LLP T/A Sanderson Associates on behalf of Kirklees Council for the project dated 22/04/2026 which was approved by the Overseeing Organisation (Kirklees Council) on 27/08/2026. A copy of the Audit Brief and supporting information (listed in paragraph 1.5) was issued to the Audit Team on 27/08/2026.
- 1.4 The Audit Team members are as follows:
 - Audit Team Leader: David Ramsden DipASM, CertAI, FIHE, FARRM, Consultant Road Safety Engineer at Sanderson Associates
 - Audit Team Member: Ashley Armitage MIHE, Senior Engineer at Sanderson Associates
- 1.5 The following drawings and information have been used for Audit purposes.

Drawings and reports prepared by Sanderson Associates and Miller Homes.

 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-07_101 P04-Western Stone Surface Section of PROW (Section 1)
 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-07_201 P05-Eastern Stone Surface Section of PROW (Section 2 sheet 1 of 3)
 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-07_202 P04-Eastern Stone Surface Section of PROW (Section 2 sheet 2 of 3)
 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-07_203 P03-Eastern Stone Surface Section of PROW (Section 2 sheet 3 of 3)
 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-07_301 P04-Smithy Place Lane Steps Section of PROW (Section 3)
 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-12_101 P02-Smithy Place Lane Signage Improvements
 - 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-RP-01 001 03-Stage 1 Road Safety Audit Brief
 - HWAY-002 F – Proposed Public Rights of Way Improvements
- 1.6 The proposed PROW works are shown on drawing HWAY-002 F but do not include works to PROW (HOL/31/40). Additional road marking and signing improvements on Smithy Place Lane are also considered as part of this road safety audit and are shown on drawing 169955-SAN-HGS-XX-DR-C-12_401-P02.

- 1.7 A review of the MAVRIC database was conducted to assess the road safety record in the vicinity of the proposed development. This interrogation of verified collision data, covering the most recent five-year period, confirms that 1 recorded injury collision occurred at the junction of Smithy Place Lane and Smithy Place
- 1.8 This collision involved a single vehicle colliding with a wall on Smithy Place Lane. There was one recorded slight casualty, the vehicle passenger. The collision took place during darkness at 00:50 on 4th February 2024, the road surface was dry, street lights were operational. No other vehicles or pedestrians were involved. This collision is not considered materially relevant to the works as proposed.
- 1.9 The Audit team visited the site together on 02/09/2026 at 4:30pm. During the site visit the weather was dry and the road surface was dry. Vehicle, pedestrian and cycle flows appeared normal for the type of area. No incidents were observed on the street.
- 1.10 The terms of reference of the Road Safety Audit are as described in GG119. The team has examined the works and reported only on the road safety implications of the scheme as presented and has not examined or verified the compliance of the works to any other criteria.
- 1.11 All of the problems described in Section 3 of this report are considered by the Audit Team to require action in order to improve the safety of the scheme. However, any recommendation included within this report should not be regarded as being a prescriptive design solution to the problem raised. They are intended only to indicate a proportionate means of eliminating or mitigating the identified problem. It is noted that there may be alternative methods of addressing a problem that would be equally acceptable in achieving the desired elimination or mitigation and these should be considered when responding to this report.
- 1.12 Marked-up plans are included at **Appendix A**, which identifies the approximate location of problems that have been raised. General problems or those with multiple locations have not all been shown.
- 1.13 Following the completion of the Road Safety Audit, the design team should prepare a '*Road Safety Audit Response Report*' in collaboration with the Overseeing Organisation. The response report should incorporate the following:
 - Decision Log spreadsheet, where each Problem and Recommendation in the Road Safety Audit report is reiterated;
 - In the Decision Log, a response should be provided by the Design Team and then by the Overseeing Organisation for each problem raised. This should then be followed by an agreed action.

Further information to assist the preparation of the Road Safety Audit Response Report is provided in **GG119 Sections 4.11 to 4.19 and Appendix F** (that includes a Road Safety Audit Response Report template). In accordance with GG119, the response report should be produced and finalised within one month of the issue of the Road Safety Audit report. A copy of the response report should be issued to the Road Safety Audit Team for information.

2. Items Raised from Previous Road Safety Audit

- 2.1 No previous road safety audits have been carried out on the proposals as presented.

3. Items Raised for this Stage 1 Road Safety Audit

- 3.1 The problems that are raised in the stage 1 Road Safety Audit are presented in this section. A copy of marked-up plans showing stage 1 RSA problem locations is included in **Appendix A** of this Audit Report.

Problem 3.1:

Location: Smithy Place near Oak Way.

Summary: Potential vehicular access to the residential development

Detail: Vehicular access to the properties on Smithy Place is currently, and should remain, solely from the existing junction with Smithy Place Lane. However, the improvement works widen and improve the surface of the PROW, particularly along the short section beyond the last residential property, up to the crossing point on Oak Way, and the design includes a sign at the Oak Way crossing reading "public bridleway vehicle access only to property on Smithy Place". This wording, combined with the improved surface and width, does not preclude use of this section by existing residents seeking to egress into the Miller Homes development, nor does it prevent non-resident drivers from within the development using it to access Smithy Place or as a through route to Smithy Place Lane. Retaining any vehicular function on this short section introduces unnecessary conflict between vehicles and pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians, on a link that could otherwise be designed to promote NMU use exclusively. There doesn't appear to be an operational need for this section to accommodate vehicles in either direction, given that suitable vehicular access already exists via Smithy Place Lane.

Recommendation: It is recommended that the short section of PROW between the last residential property on Smithy Place and the Oak Way crossing is designed and signed to exclude vehicular access in both directions, including access/egress by existing Smithy Place residents, with a physical measure - such as a bollard, gate, or other restriction appropriate to NMU use - provided at this point, and that the proposed sign wording at the Oak Way crossing is amended to remove any reference to vehicle access, so that the existing junction with Smithy Place Lane remains the sole point of vehicular access to the properties on Smithy Place.

4. Audit Team Statement

4.1 We certify that this road safety audit has been carried out in accordance with DMRB GG119.

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Signed: 

Dated: 7th September 2026

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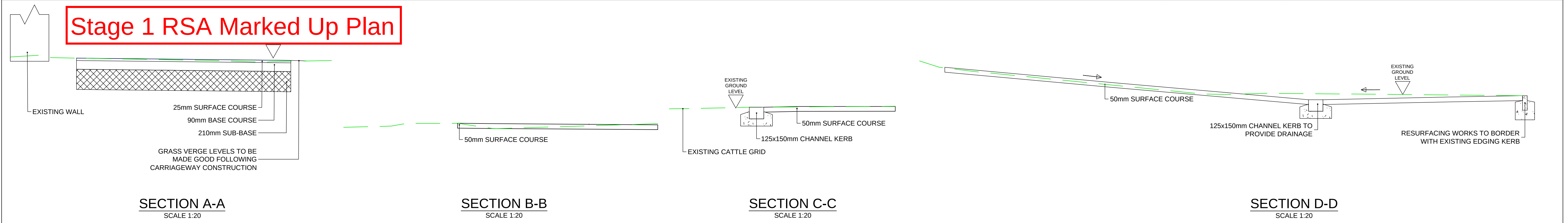
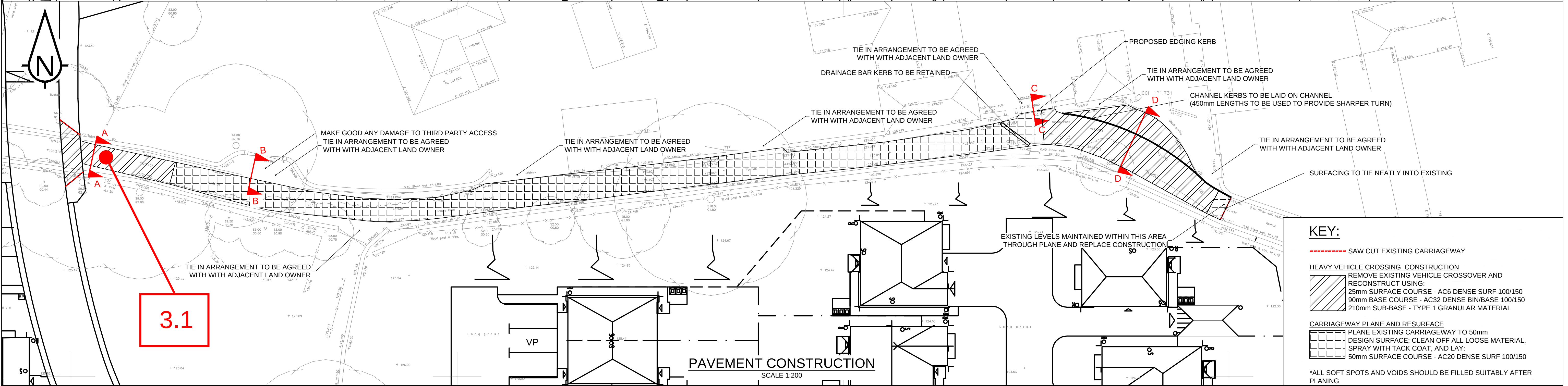
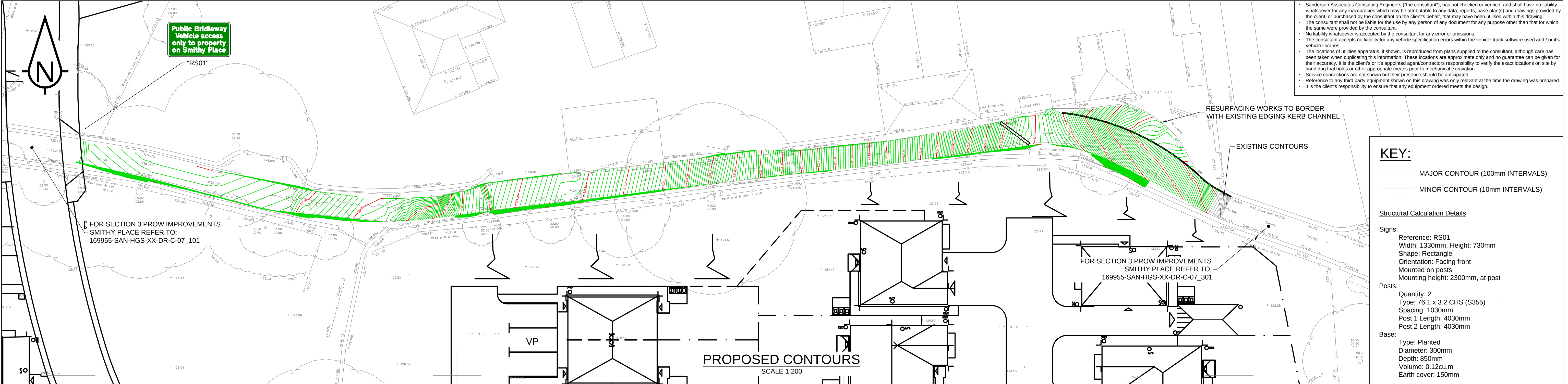
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Appendix A

Marked Up Plan for the Stage 1 RSA



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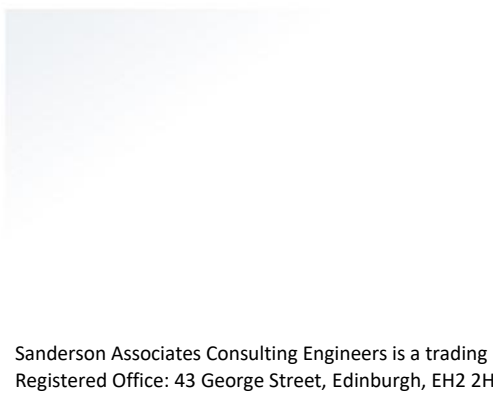
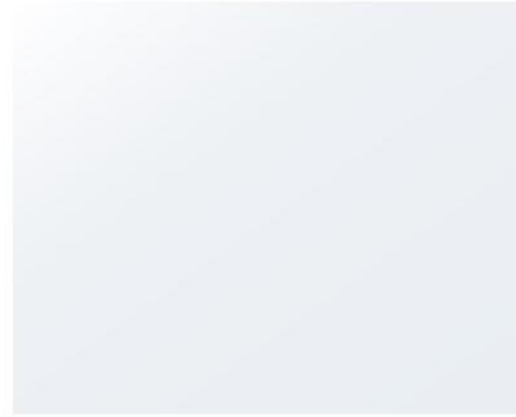


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