# GREAT NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT
# WATSON STREET, MANCHESTER

## Stage 1 Road Safety Audit

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report results from a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) carried out on the proposed works to provide modified access via Watson Street to the development located on land bounded by Watson Street, Great Bridgewater Street, Deansgate and Peter Street in central Manchester.

1.2 This Stage 1 RSA was carried out at the request of Curtins Consulting Ltd. The overseeing organisation and local highway authority is Manchester City Council.

1.3 The Audit was carried out between 21st and 23rd January 2023 by consultants working on behalf of The Safety Forum Limited. The Audit Team, which is established from The Safety Forum Ltd and independent of the project design team, has had no involvement with the project.

1.4 The Auditors were:

L Fogg – Team Leader (BSc(Eng) (Hons), DMS, CEng, MICE, FCHIT, FSoRSA(CoC))

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1.5 The report has been prepared in accordance with General Principles and Scheme Governance General Information, GG 119, Road Safety Audit (Formerly HD 19/15).

1.6 The Audit consisted of a desktop study and a site visit. The site visit was carried out on 21st January 2023, between 1600 and 1630 hours by all members of the Audit Team together. The weather was overcast with intermittent rain and the road surface was wet. Low volumes of vehicular traffic and of non-motorised users were observed on Watson Street.

1.7 Issues relating to the health & safety of operatives constructing, operating or maintaining the highway are not covered by Road Safety Audit. Only issues relating to the design and construction of facilities for highway maintenance that may potentially contribute to a Road Safety Matter are considered by the Road Safety Audit process.

Road Safety Audit is not a technical check that the design conforms to Standards and/or best practice guidance. Design Organisations are responsible for ensuring that their designs have been subjected to the appropriate design reviews (including, where applicable, Walking, Cycling & Horse Riding Assessment & Review) prior to Road Safety Audit.

Road Safety Audit is not a check that the scheme has been constructed in accordance with the design.

Whilst reference is made to certain design standards, where safety may be compromised by a reduction in standard, this report is not intended to provide a design check. The Auditors have only reported on matters that might have an adverse effect on road safety in the context of the chosen design. No attempt has been made to comment on the justification of the scheme or the appropriateness of the design. Consequently, the Auditors accept no responsibility for the design or construction of the scheme.

1.8 The recommendations in this report are aimed at addressing the road safety problems; however there may be other alternative acceptable ways to overcome a specific problem, when other practical issues are considered. The recommendations contained herein do not absolve the Designer of his/her responsibilities.

1.9 The Auditors would be pleased to discuss the acceptability of alternative solutions to problems identified during the Audit, and would encourage the Designer to consult them on this matter.

1.10 The Overseeing Organisation response to the RSA should be formally recorded and reported to the Designer and the RSA Team so that a record of the Audit process is contained in the *As Built* design pack to be provided and retained by the Overseeing Organisation on final completion.

1.11 All problems identified in this Road Safety Audit Report are indicated on a location plan in Appendix A

## 2.0 ITEMS CONSIDERED

2.1 The Road Safety Audit was undertaken on the scheme detailed in the following documentation.

| Drawing No. | Rev | Title |
|---|---|---|
| - | - | RSA Brief |
| 0808483-CUR-XX-))-D-TP-75001 | P05 | Access & Servicing Arrangement Drawing |
| 080483-CUR-XX-XX-T-TP-00001 | P07 | Transport Statement 23.11.22 |

2.2 No departure from standards or other information was submitted to the Audit Team.

## 3.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS STAGE 1 AUDIT.

The Audit Team has not been made aware of any previous audits undertaken on this scheme.

## 4.0 MATTERS ARISING FROM THIS STAGE 1 AUDIT.

The Stage 1 Road Safety Audit team did not identify any road safety issues related to the proposed design



*Fig 1 - Existing entrance to car parking*



*Fig 2 - View north along existing Watson Street*

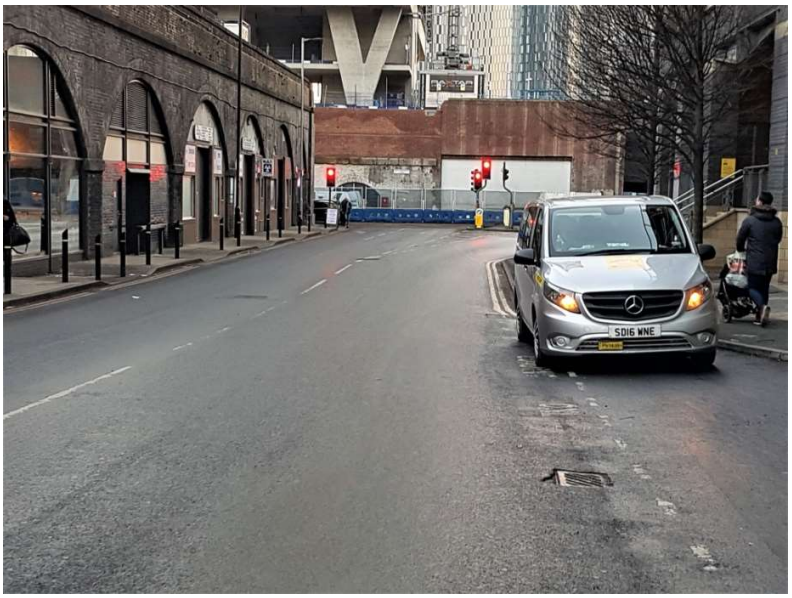



*Fig 3 - View South along existing Watson Street towards Great Bridgewater Street*

## 5.0 AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT

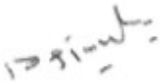
5.1 We certify that this audit has been carried out in accordance with GG 119.

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# APPENDIX A: LOCATION PLAN

