



## DESIGNER'S RESPONSE REPORT

relating to the

ROAD SAFETY AUDIT STAGE 1 - DATED June 2025

For

**Proposed S278 works associated with  
development at Old Vicarage Field and Old Estate Yard, Turners Hill**

Date of Issue: June 2025

Original road safety audit report prepared by Alpha Consultants

Auditors: J Bown, B Newiss

Readers are recommended to refer also to the original audit report for the full context of the road safety issues identified and any associated additional comments

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<b>2</b>	<b>Items raised at this Road Safety Audit</b>				
<b>2.1</b>	<p><b>Location:</b> Site access junction</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Existing vegetation could obstruct proposed visibility splay looking west.</p> <p>There is currently dense vegetation in the vicinity of the proposed site access. This could obstruct the visibility splay looking west from the access junction, if not adequately cleared, potentially leading to a risk of failure to give way collisions.</p>	It is recommended that the proposed visibility splays are cleared of any obstruction and maintained accordingly.	Agree: Visibility splays as annotated on updated access plan (2202-008 VS101(B)). Will be kept clear of vegetation.		
<b>2.2</b>	<p><b>Location:</b> Site access junction</p> <p><b>Summary:</b> Proposed 'Keep Clear' marking and provision of adequate visibility looking east.</p> <p>It was observed during the site visit that the Church Road junction with North Street/Selsfield Road can be very busy at times, with queues extending back beyond the proposed site access. The Audit Team therefore welcomes the proposed introduction of a 'Keep Clear' marking across the site access. In order for the arrangement to operate effectively, it</p>	It is recommended that motorists emerging between queuing traffic are provided with adequate visibility of any approaching westbound vehicles. It is recommended that the proposed 'Keep Clear' marking is extended eastwards, if necessary to achieve this.	Agree: 'Keep Clear' area has been extended eastward on drawing 2202-008 VS101(B). Final design of 'Keep Clear' area can be agreed at the detailed design stage.		

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	will be important that motorists making a right turn from the site, between queuing traffic, have adequate visibility of any approaching westbound vehicles on Church Road, as illustrated above. Otherwise there may be risk of failure to give way collisions.				
2.3	<p><b>Location:</b> Site access road  <b>Summary:</b> Potential conflict between opposing vehicles if inter-visibility is inadequate.</p> <p>It is noted from the swept path information provided that larger vehicles may encroach onto the opposite side of the access road carriageway when making a turn into or out of the site. Whilst this is not unusual at junctions of this type, it will be important that opposing drivers have adequate inter-visibility of one another. Otherwise, there may be a risk of conflict between opposing vehicles, or sudden/unexpected braking and a risk of rear shunt collision.</p>	It is recommended that adequate inter-visibility is provided between opposing drivers in the vicinity of the junction.	<p>Agree: Forward visibility for the refuse vehicle has been plotted on 2202-008 VS101(B).</p> <p>The junction design could be altered to either widen the bellmouth or increase the radii of the approach. But we do not believe this is necessary as the refuse vehicle would only access the development once a week so the impact would be limited.</p>		