

ACORNS PROJECTS LIMITED



**SAFETY, TRAFFIC,
PROJECT MANAGEMENT &
HIGHWAY ENGINEERING SERVICES**

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Dear Chris,

**MARKET PLACE, WOKINGHAM, BERKSHIRE
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS
STAGE 3 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT**

Please find enclosed, the signed and dated PDF Version 1.0 of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit Report for the Market Place, Wokingham, Berkshire, Environmental Improvements Project as requested.

As referred to in Paragraph 1.12 of the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit Report, there are three issues identified and observations made during the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit and site inspection, which the Terms of Reference exclude from the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit Report, but which the Audit Team wishes to draw to the attention of yourself as the Overseeing Organisation, i.e. the Local Highway Authority, Wokingham Borough Council:

1. During the site visit which took place in wet and rainy weather conditions, discussions were held regarding the skid resistance of the tactile paving studs at both the controlled and uncontrolled pedestrian crossing facilities installed as part of the Environmental Improvements project. You have kindly provided information from the supplier of the tactile paving studs confirming the studs have been tested and have passed the pendulum slip test in both wet and dry conditions. Going forward, please confirm that you will continue to monitor the condition of the tactile paving studs in order to ensure they continue to perform satisfactorily and in accordance with current recognised guidance and technical regulations.



2. During the site visit, discussions were held regarding the colour contrast of the tactile paving studs against the background of the adjacent Yorkstone paving. Whilst there appears to be an improvement in the colour contrast at this Stage 3 Road Safety Audit site when compared to the site visit undertaken for the Interim Stage 3 Road Safety Audit undertaken in September 2018, we request that further investigation should be undertaken to establish whether a further more distinguishable colour contrast might be achieved, which might further assist visually impaired pedestrians to acknowledge the presence of the traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing facilities and, also, the uncontrolled pedestrian crossing facilities.

3. During the site visit, the Audit Team noted that the “L” shape arrangement of the tactile paving studs for the traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing facilities do not extend to the very limits of the new footway paving works at the frontages of the existing commercial premises. The Audit Team respectfully suggest that the tactile paving studs should be extended to the very limits of the public highway/ frontages of the existing commercial premises accordingly, which might further assist blind and visually impaired pedestrians to acknowledge the presence of the adjacent traffic signal controlled pedestrian crossing facilities.

I look forward to receiving your response to this Covering Letter, the Road Safety Audit Response Report, together with the completed Table F.4. Road Safety Audit Decision Log (as contained within DMRB GG 119), for the purposes of retention on my file. Please be aware that under DMRB GG119 the Road Safety Audit Decision Log needs to be completed, discussed and agreed with yourselves as the Overseeing Organisation, i.e. the Local Highway Authority, Wokingham Borough Council, in order to fulfil the Agreed RSA Action column.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adriano B. Cappella".

Adriano B. Cappella
Director

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C.C. Ian Haller Wokingham Borough Council