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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report comprises a Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) on a proposed improvements to an existing vehicle access on Desford Lane, Ratby, Leicestershire. The works are arising from proposals to upgrade Ratby Sports Club facilities, including new changing rooms and padel courts, upgrading existing pitches and significant improvements to car parking facilities. The proposals will link into improvements along Desford Lane that are to be delivered by Bellway Homes as part of a new residential development to the south of the site, for which details have been provided as part of this assessment.

1.2 The report was requested by Edwards and Edwards Consultancy Ltd on behalf of hssp architects and Ratby Sports Club. The Overseeing Organisation is Leicestershire County Council.

1.3 The Audit Team Membership was as follows:

Audit Team Leader

Paul Williams, BSc (Hons)

Audit Team Member

Chris Berry, MSc Transport Planning, MCIHT, NH RSA Certificate of Competency

1.4 A site inspection was carried out by the Audit Team together on Monday 5th October 2026 between the hours of 16:15. During the site visit the weather conditions were overcast and the road surface was dry. Traffic flows were observed as being light, with no pedestrians and no cycle movements being observed.

1.5 The audit also comprised of a desk-top study where all documents and plans provided by the Design Team were reviewed. A list of these can be found in Appendix A. The auditors have not been made aware of any departures from design standards.

1.6 The audit has been carried out in accordance with the principles of the National Highways document GG 119 'Road Safety Audit' (version 2.0.1). A formal Road Safety Audit Brief was not provided to the Audit Team. However, information regarding the site was provided via email alongside the relevant scheme documents and drawings. This was considered by the Audit Team to provide sufficient detail to undertake the appropriate stage of audit.

1.7 The Audit Team have examined and reported solely on the road safety implications of the scheme as presented and not examined or verified the compliance to any alternate criteria.

1.8 All comments and recommendations in this report are referenced to the Audit Brief where provided, and detailed drawings supplied. Where appropriate a list of "Additional Observations" will follow from any safety problems raised. These are not identified safety problems but generalised observations, outside of the scope of the relevant stage of audit, that may highlight potential safety problems that could arise at future stages of the safety audit process.

1.9 Midlands Road Safety Ltd has ensured that this report has been carried out independently with no member of the Audit Team membership directly linked to the scheme design.

2. SAFETY PROBLEMS RAISED IN PREVIOUS ROAD SAFETY AUDITS

2.1. It is understood that no previous Road Safety Audits have been undertaken for the proposals subject to this report.

3. SAFETY PROBLEMS RAISED IN THIS ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

3.1. The Audit Team has identified no safety problems to be addressed.

End of the 'Safety Problems' in this Section of the Report

4. ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

4.1. Additional Observation 1

The introduction of the shared cycle/footway along the eastern side of Desford Lane as part of the s.278 works associated with the Bellway development creates an interface with the proposed site access to Ratby Sport Club. As part of the detailed design, it is recommended that a dropped crossing in line with LTN 1/20 guidance is provided across the junction and that measures to inform pedestrians that they are entering a shared footway / cycleway are provided.

5. AUDIT STATEMENT

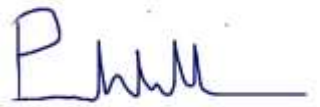
5.1. We certify that the terms of reference of the audit are as described in GG 119 and that no member of the Audit Team was directly linked to the scheme design.

5.2. **AUDIT TEAM LEADER:**

Paul Williams, BSc (Hons)

Associate

Midlands Road Safety Ltd

Signed: 

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5.3. **AUDIT TEAM MEMBER:**

Chris Berry, MSc Transport Planning, MCIHT, NH RSA Certificate of Competency

Director

Midlands Road Safety Ltd

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Date: 06.10.2026

APPENDIX A

The following documents and drawings were provided for the purposes of this road safety audit.

Drawings

Number	Title	Rev
9431_03_10	Proposed Access & Visibility Splays	-
904	S.278 Traffic Signs and Road Markings (adjacent site – for information)	C
930	S.278 Proposed Crossing Location (adjacent site – for information)	A

Documents

Author	Title	Rev	Date
Edwards and Edwards Consultancy Ltd	Road Safety Audit Details (by email)	-	29.09.2026

APPENDIX B

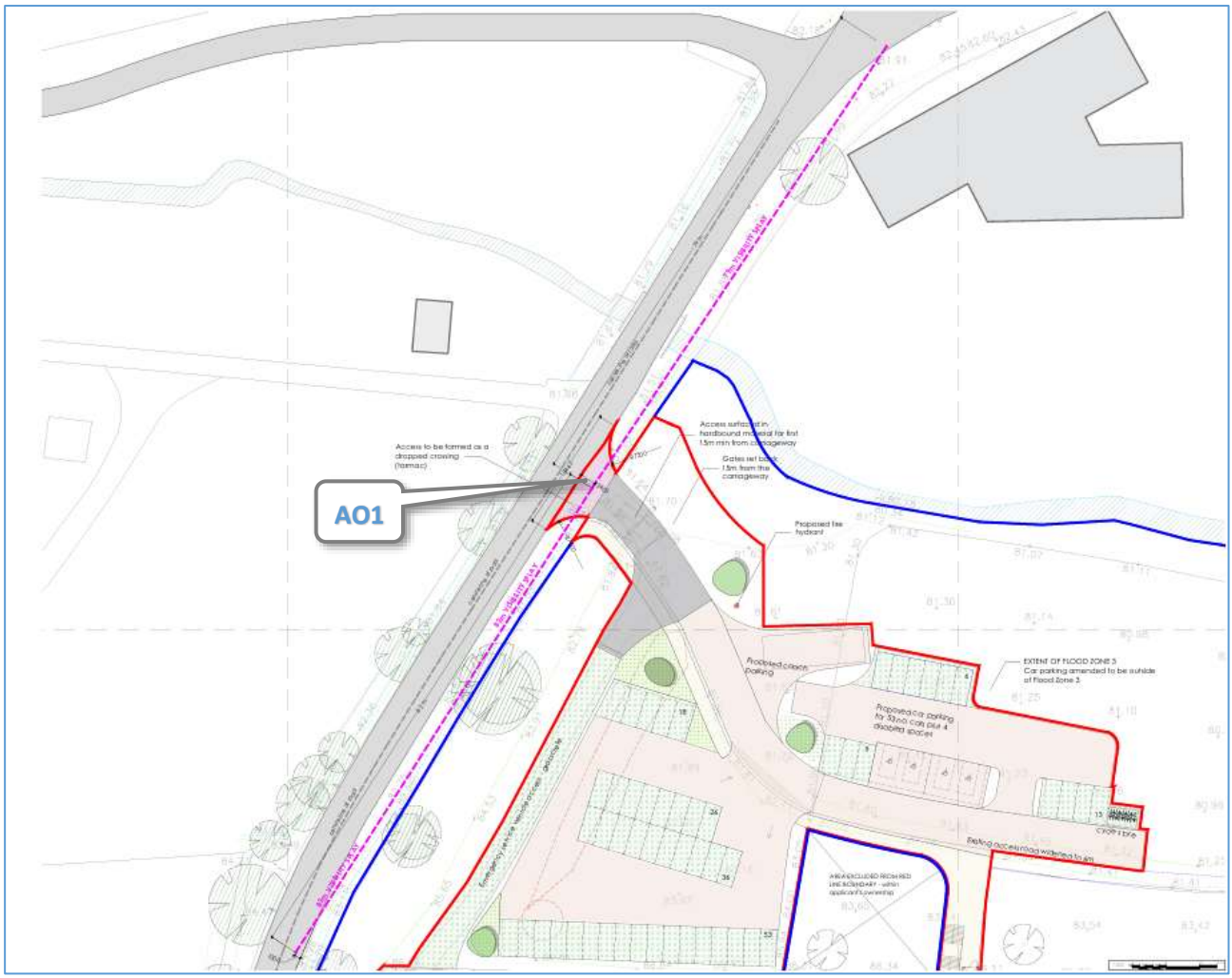
The location of any problems/observations that have been identified in Section 3 of this report can be seen on the extracts of the drawings supplied to the Audit Team, as listed in Appendix A.

Figure 1 – Site Location



[Mapping source; Google Maps]

Figure 2 – Problem Location Plan



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