For Trunk Road schemes which require a Road Safety Audit during the Covid-19 crisis, it is requested that organisations can apply for a Departure where they cannot fulfil the requirements of the standard (GG 119) for RSA's (i.e. a relaxation of site visit requirements) outlining that this is required due to Covid-19 and detailing the mitigating measures that they intend to take to ensure that safety is not compromised. This approach effectively allows these issues to be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Following the First Minister's announcement on 24 March, Transport Scotland wrote to all its operating companies and contractors instructing that all non-essential work on the operation, maintenance and construction on the trunk road network be ceased until further notice. As a result it is not anticipated that this issue will generate an unmanageable number of departures from standard.

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