



## **ROAD SAFETY AUDITS – SITE VISITS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC (UPDATE)**

This letter provides an update to a previous letter written in early April and extends the timing for these arrangements until the end of May 2020, when the position will be reviewed again.

### **Background**

The Welsh Government's policy is that construction activities can continue as long as safe procedures are followed, in line with detailed guidance published on 7th April 2020 alongside new regulations which came into force on the same day. A copy of the guidance can be found here: <https://gov.wales/taking-all-reasonable-measures-maintain-physical-distancing-workplace>

### **Site Visits – RSA Stage 1 and 2**

The site visit requirements for a Stage 1 and Stage 2 Road Safety Audit during the pandemic are relaxed. Teams may choose to use online mapping, BIM, or other similar tools to assist with the process.

There is a requirement for a fully compliant Stage 1 or 2 Road Safety Audit to be undertaken if the project has not moved beyond this stage after the pandemic is over.

### **Site Visits – RSA Stage 3**

Daytime and darkness site visits remain a requirement for Stage 3 Road Safety Audit but the current social distancing guidance must be followed therefore site visits do not have to be carried out with all team members together. Teams may choose to arrange for the project to be videoed, or travel to site separately to observe. These are just some examples of how the Stage 3 audit can still be successfully completed. We are also relaxing the number of members of the team who need to attend site to two.

Traffic flows are likely to be much lower than normal, so we accept that peak traffic flows will not be observed.

### **Timing**

These arrangements cover the period until the end of May 2020 although they will be kept under constant review based on the latest government advice.

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