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

The Welsh Government's policy is that construction activities can continue as long as safe procedures are followed, in line with current guidance and regulations. A copy of the guidance can be found here: <https://gov.wales/taking-all-reasonable-measures-minimise-risk-exposure-coronavirus-workplaces-and-premises-open>

GG119 Road Safety Audit provides the requirements for road safety audit for highway schemes on the trunk road and motorway network. Each stage requires a site visit by the audit team.

We have carefully considered the need for site visits as part of the Road Safety Audit process to ensure that the audit teams have the maximum possible protection aligned to the latest Government advice. This is designed to minimise the risk of spreading COVID-19 so that we can continue to operate as safely as possible, whilst fully supporting our employees and the country.

### **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 published on gov.wales 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 may be lower than normal, so we accept that peak traffic flows will not be observed.

## Timing

These arrangements cover the period until the end of March 2021 and will be kept under constant review.

## Contact details

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