

Road Safety Audits

As detailed in the MfS1, Road Safety Audits are not mandatory for local highway authorities and the highway authority will independently assess the design. When it is clear that motorised traffic volumes and speeds, and the degree of potential conflict between different user-groups are going to be significant, the highway authority may request a Road Safety Audit.

If an RSA is requested, Stages 1 & 2 should be obtained at the planning stage as the RSA report can directly influence the layout of proposed streets and junctions.

Road safety audits may be carried out at four stages of the design and build process:

- Preliminary design;
- Detailed design;
- Shortly following construction; and
- 12 to 36 months after the roads are open to use.

Where road safety audit is applied to a highway scheme, it shall be undertaken at each of the following stages:

1. Stage 1 – Completion of preliminary design.
2. Stage 2 – Completion of detailed design.
3. Stage 3 – Completion of construction.
4. Stage 4 – Post opening monitoring.