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RSA Stage 1 Response Report

M Scott Properties Ltd

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LAND WEST OF WATLING STREET, PARK STREET, HERTFORDSHIRE

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1. Project Details

Table 1-1 - Project Details

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Table 1-2 - Authorisation Sheet

Project	Land West of Watling Street, Park Street, St Albans		
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Organisation:	AtkinsRéalis Transportation, Cambridge		
Date:	09/11/23		
Approved by:			
Name:	Steve Katesmark		
Position:	Technical Director		
Signature:	S. Katesmark		
Organisation:	AtkinsRéalis Transportation, London		
Date:	10/11/2023		



2. Introduction

This report presents the RSA Response to Stage 1 Road Safety Audit (RSA) carried out on 18 October 2023 covering the proposed priority junction on the A5183 Watling Street, St Albans, Hertfordshire, that will provide vehicular access for a planned residential development.

The details of representatives from Design Organisation who prepared the RSA response report is as follows:

Table 2-1 - Design Organisation Representatives

Membership	Name
Graduate Transport Planner	Kieron Warren
Assistant Engineer	Connor Sullivan
Principal Transport Planner	Matt Croot
Technical Director	Steve Katesmark

3. Key Personnel

Table 3-1 - Key personnel

Overseeing Organisation:	Highway Authority - Hertfordshire County Council
RSA team:	Audit Team Leader:
	Mark Gregory BSc MSc MCIHT MSoRSA Senior Road Safety Engineer AtkinsRéalis Transportation, Chelmsford (Certificate of competency in RSA August 2013)
	Audit Team Member:
	Samantha Moores BSc (Hons) MCIHT MSoRSA Road Safety Consultant Atkins Réalis Transportation, Chelmsford (Certificate of competency in RSA October 2014)
Design Organisation:	Kieron Warren - Graduate Transport Planner
	Connor Sullivan - Assistant Engineer
	Matt Croot - Principal Transport Planner
	Technical Director - Steve Katesmark



4. Road safety audit decision log

Table 4-1 - Road safety audit decision log

RSA Problem Ref.	Location	RSA Problem	RSA Recommendation	Design Organisation Response	Overseeing Organisation Response	Agreed RSA Action
2.1	Western side of Watling Street, both sides of proposed access	Summary: Hazard to pedestrians and pedal cyclists The drawings show a 2m wide footway to the north of the access and 3m wide cycleway to the south of the access are proposed. During the site visit it was noted that at the proposed access location, the existing footway is a very narrow track. There is a considerable amount of vegetation at ground level and low hanging branches which could pose a hazard to pedestrians and pedal cyclists using the route with a risk of pedestrians tripping over or cyclists falling from their bikes. There is also a risk of users of the footway spilling into the carriageway, increasing the risk of collision with road users.	It is recommended that vegetation clearance is undertaken to the north of the proposed access, extending to the existing section of clear footway, and to the south of the access to allow a clear route to the existing bus stop.	Recommendation accepted. Vegetation clearance to be undertaken prior to completion of the junction works to ensure access along the footway is clear. See proposed Site Access Plan in Appendix A		
2.2	Central island located on Watling Street to the	Summary: Risk of collisions with central island	It is recommended that swept path analysis is undertaken for all	Recommendation accepted. Tracking of an 18 tonne Rigid vehicle has been		



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	south of the proposed access	It is noted on the swept path analysis that tracking has been provided for a Vulture 2225 refuse vehicle, and that this vehicle type can just make the right turn out of the access without colliding with the existing central island to the south of the access in Watling Street. However, this swept path analysis suggests that it is unlikely that a longer vehicle such as a large removal lorry would be able to make the right-turn without overrunning the kerb lines, increasing the risk of collisions with the island and injury to occupants of long vehicles.	vehicles likely to use the access and that measures are undertaken such as relocating the island if manoeuvres cannot be undertaken within the kerb lines.	undertaken and included in Appendix B of this document. This demonstrates that an 18T vehicle can turn right out of the access without colliding with the island. It is anticipated that access for 18T vehicles will only be required very infrequently. Furthermore, the existing traffic island has high containment kerbs to protect the island from vehicle overrunning.		
				Nonetheless, the swept path analysis will be repeated at detailed design to confirm whether the traffic island requires modification or relocation.		



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2.3	Watling Street proposed access	Summary: Trip hazard for pedestrians and cyclists It is noted from the drawings that no drop kerb crossing points are proposed to assist pedestrians and cyclists to cross the proposed access along the western side of Watling Street. This may result in a trip hazard for pedestrians, and cyclists may have to 'bump' their bicycles up and down the full height kerb, increasing the risk of injury.	It is recommended that a drop kerb crossing point with tactile paving is provided at the mouth of the proposed access within the pedestrian desire line.	Recommendation accepted. Dropped kerb at the mouth of the site access to be included in the detailed design to provide a safe crossing point for pedestrians.		
2.4	Watling Street proposed access	Summary: Risk of pedestrians/pedal cyclist collisions The drawings show 2m wide footway to the north of the access and 3m wide cycleway to the south of the proposed access. There are additional proposals (not subject to this stage 1 RSA) for a toucan crossing to be provided to the north of the proposed access near to the BP filling station. However, only a 2m wide footway is proposed on the northern side of the access along Watling Street and an internal pedestrian link is indicated on the illustrative plan for access to the toucan crossing from within the	It is recommended that the provisions for pedal cyclists are reviewed to ensure route continuity from the south side of the proposed access, and that sufficient width be provided if the facility is intended to be for shared use to the north of the proposed access.	Internal layout includes provision for a 3m shared pedestrian and cycle path linking directly to the proposed toucan crossing across Watling Street. No shared use of the Watling Street footway between the site access junction and the Toucan crossing is therefore proposed. See proposed Site		



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		development. Both pedestrian link and 2m footway do not appear of sufficient width to allow for a shared use facility for pedal cyclists to access the proposed toucan crossing. This may increase the risk of pedestrian/pedal cyclist collisions.		Access Plan in Appendix A		



5. Design Organisation and Overseeing Organisation Statements

Table 5-1 - Design Organisation Statement

On behalf of the Desi	On behalf of the Design Organisation, I certify that:				
•	 The RSA actions identified in response to the road audit problems in this road safety have been discussed and agreed with the Overseeing Organisation. 				
Name:	Steve Katesmark				
Signed:	S. lutil				
Position:	Technical Director				
Organisation:	Atkinsréalis				
Date:	15/11/23				

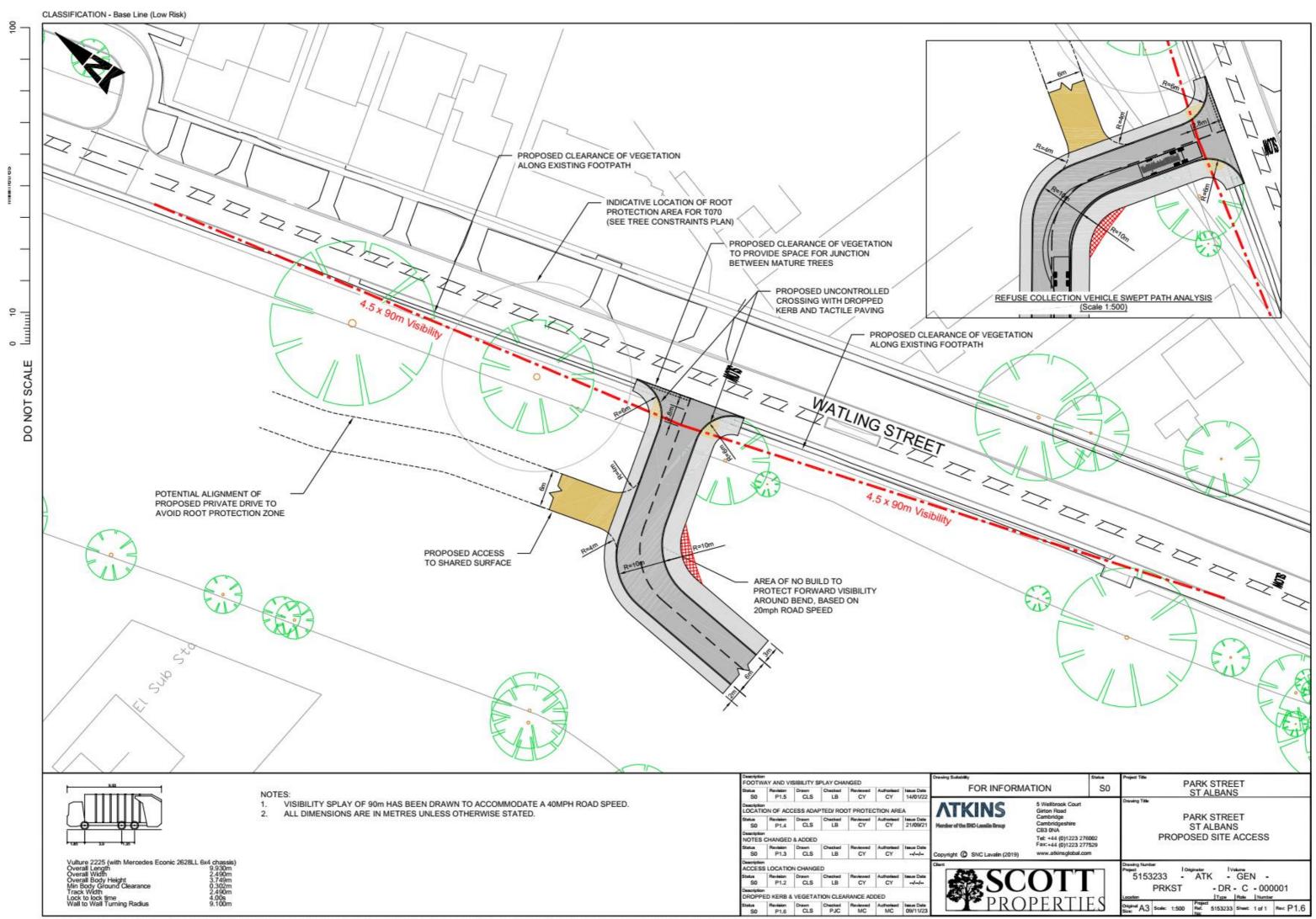
Table 5-2 - Overseeing Organisation Statement

On behalf of the Overseeing Organisation I certify that:	
 The RSA actions identified in response to the road safety audit problems in this road safety audit have been discussed and agreed with the design organisation; and 	
2) The agreed RSA actions will be progressed.	
Name:	
Signed:	
Position:	
Organisation:	Hertfordshire County Council
Date:	



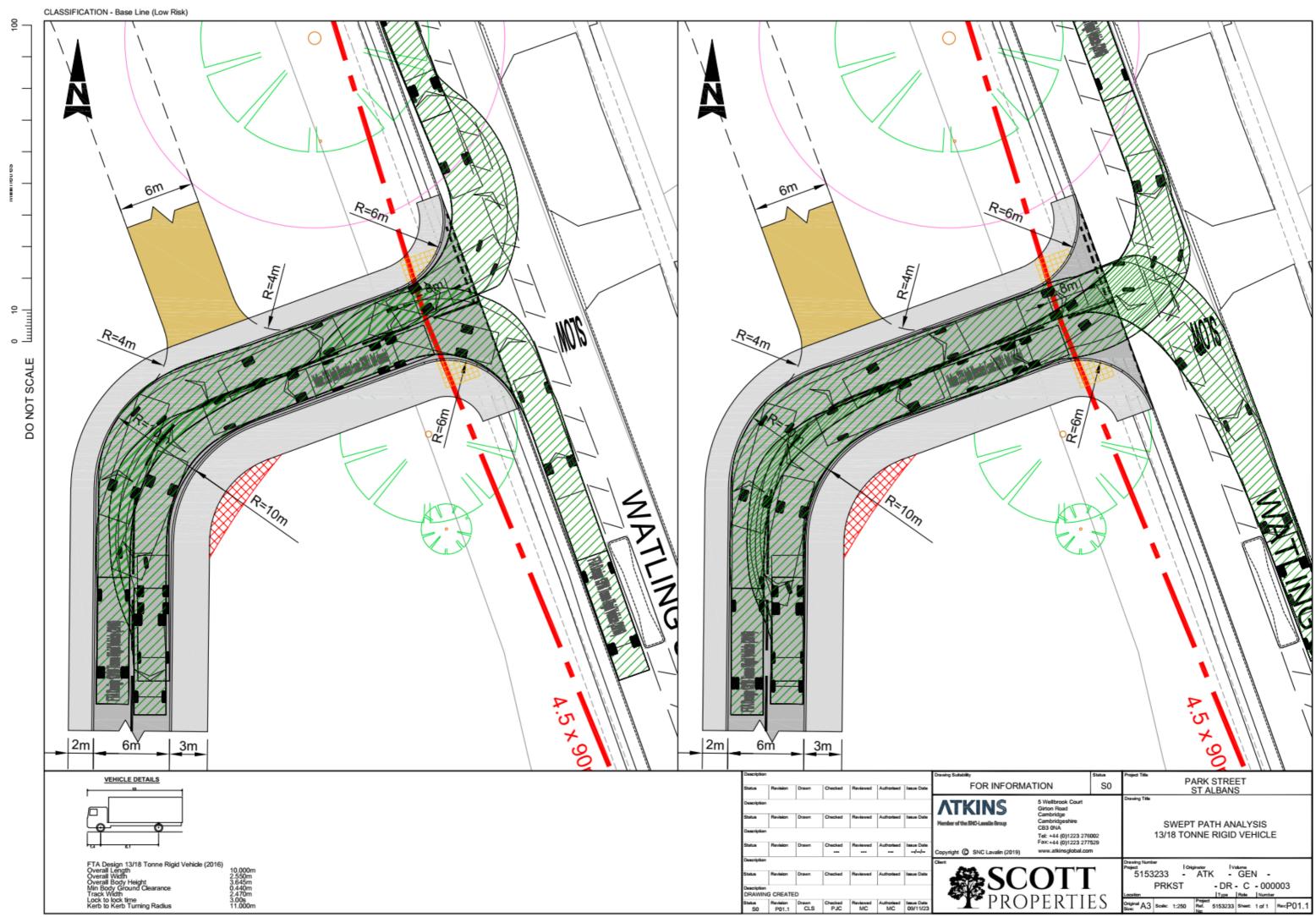
Appendix A. Proposed Site Access Plan





Appendix B. Swept Path Analysis





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