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Dear Mr Burbidge

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme

Thank you for your email of 9 July, in which you continue to be dissatisfied with our response regarding the safety of new junctions on the B1514. I'm replying as the Director of Complex Infrastructure responsible for the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

We have handled your email in accordance with the second stage of Highways England's complaints process.

I am sorry to hear that you still have concerns about the safety of these junctions. I would like to assure you safety is Highways England's number one imperative. Keeping road users, including cyclists, safe is at the forefront of everything we do.

As David Bray outlined in his email of 23 May, the application of IAN195/15 is not appropriate for this type of facility. IAN195/15 does not consider other modes of pedestrian transport and therefore does not take account of the provisions made for other users, in this case cyclists and equestrians. It is therefore important to ensure that the design follows the applicable guidance to consider all users. I would like to assure you that these crossings have been designed in accordance with the appropriate guidance provided in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

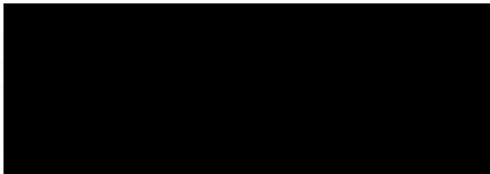
It is important to ensure that accessibility to the facilities served by these side-road junctions is achieved through a useable junction layout. To do so requires consideration of the types of vehicles using these accesses. In these locations, cars, heavy goods vehicles and farm vehicles will require access. As such, the layout of the junctions has been designed to accommodate these manoeuvres. Safe crossing points, denoted by dropped kerbs and tactile blister paving, identify the location for pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians to cross at each site.

I would like to assure you that during the design of the scheme an independent Road Safety Audit was completed to assess the proposed design details. This audit raised no concerns in relation to the junctions and the crossing points. Furthermore, prior to opening of this section of highway, we commissioned an additional Road Safety Audit to appraise the newly constructed highway, pedestrian facilities and other highway features. This audit did not raise any concerns relating to the junctions or crossing points.

I am sorry to hear that you are also concerned about the kerb you identified in your first email, and would like to assure you that I have raised this concern with the onsite construction team. They have advised me that we will be completing work on the surfacing in this area in the next two weeks, which will resolve this problem.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on A14CambridgeHuntingdon@highwaysengland.co.uk

Yours sincerely



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