Appendix H Prompt Lists

H.1 Principles

Audit prompt lists (termed audit check lists in previous versions of this Guide) are recognised as a useful practical tool in assisting auditors (especially those with limited experience) in the identification of risks and hazards during various stages of audit and across a range of scenarios. Notwithstanding they are only intended to be an aid and should not be relied upon to be inclusive, nor is all of the standard content applicable to all projects. Rigidly auditing to prompt lists (often described as a 'tick box approach') serves no purpose or value. Prompt lists should not be reproduced in the audit report.

To prepare the current prompt lists, previous examples from Austroads *Guide to Road Safety Part 6A* (2019) and the Safe System Assessment Framework guidelines have been reviewed and updated and enhanced, where possible, utilising a range of resources¹⁵.

An approach known as **front loading** has been adopted to remind auditors to:

- apply Safe System thinking
- give consideration to vulnerable road user groups, and
- be cognisant of changing road environments in accordance with sustainable transport and Movement and Place principles.

Front loading requires site information (such as traffic composition, volumes, and the speed environment) and design parameters to be collated and considered in response to a series of questions across several headings. However, the process must not be seen as exhaustive in the consideration of Safe System principles, nor is it a substitute for Safe System training and experience.

The second part of the prompt lists contains category/feature prompts by audit stage. The auditor will then tick any/all applicable questions.

Inclusion of prompt lists in this Guide does not preclude organisations and/or individual auditors from adding items and/or developing their own local lists. As auditors become more experienced, their reliance upon prompt lists is likely to decrease. However, they can still serve as a useful check upon completion of a site visit and/or initial drafting of the audit report to ensure that all aspects of the audit brief and the project or existing road itself have been considered. It is more advantageous to detect any omissions at this point than to have to revisit a site or in the worst case, hand over an incomplete report or a report that has not considered all relevant issues.

Further revisions to the prompt lists provided within this Guide are likely to be required to fully reflect the influx of Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS) and automated vehicles.

Further guidance on the undertaking of thematic audits (road user specific) is included in Appendix I.

¹⁵ Including: the Highways England RSA standard GG119 (Highways England 2019); Safe System Checklists from TfNSW and TMR Qld; and Austroads network level safety principles.

Prompt lists for construction/temporary traffic management sites have not been provided within this Guide. Information can be found in Austroads guidance relating to temporary traffic management (Austroads 2021e).

H.2 Prompt List for Front Loading

Table H 1 below has been developed as an example prompt list for front loading, applicable to new build and infrastructure modification projects.

Table H 1:	Prompt list for front loading,	applicable to new build and	d infrastructure modification projects
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Objectives of the project/network considerations	Audit team observations/comments (Yes/No, as applicable, plus text as required)
What is/are the reason/s for the project?	
Is there a specific risk of a crash type/s with the most severe likely outcomes? (e.g. run-off-road and head-on)	
If so, what are the causal factors of this crash type and how are they going to be addressed?	
Does the project reduce exposure, likelihood, and/or severity of the crash types identified above?	
Does the project address specific issues such as poor speed limit compliance, road access, congestion, future traffic growth, freight movement, amenity concerns from the community, maintenance/asset renewal, etc?	
Have operating speeds and impact angles been managed to minimise crash energy?	
Have the needs of all vulnerable road user groups been adequately considered?	
Does the project fit strategically within the overarching objectives or strategy pertinent to the network/link?	

Objectives of the project/network considerations	Audit team observations/comments (Yes/No, as applicable, plus text as required)
Has consultation been undertaken with key internal and external stakeholders, e.g. regarding potential impacts of the project?	
Were Safe System principles considered and addressed during the planning/conceptual design phase? (e.g. has an SSA been done?)	
Were road safety data, crash reports, and road safety engineering toolkits etc. considered during the planning and design stages?	
Have incremental safety principles been planned/applied?	
Does the project encourage road users to be alert and compliant, as well as aiming to reduce the severity of crashes through protective infrastructure treatments, speed reductions and vehicle/safety features?	
Has specific 'road safety expertise' been engaged during the planning and/or design of the project and the procurement requirements of contractors (if applicable)?	
Have there been any changes to the scope of the project or original design which do not align with the safe system approach?	
Have there been any design exceptions identified and applied (e.g. Extended Design Domain) and if so, have safety measures been implemented in ongoing operational and maintenance plans etc?	
Is the project consistent with the safety vision for the corridor in which it is located?	
Have decisions regarding the design standards and guidelines to be applied been taken with consideration of the complete corridor in which the project is located, as part of sustainable network safety planning	

Objectives of the project/network considerations	Audit team observations/comments (Yes/No, as applicable, plus text as required)
How does the design/project consider key aspects at macro/context level as well as at the specific micro (project specific) level? For example:	
 is the context appropriate – is the site appropriate within the wider/bigger picture – corridor and network? 	
 will the project be self-explaining within the corridor? 	
 is there strategic alignment of the project with network and corridor plans and visions? 	
• is the project maximising the safety value contribution to the network or is it obligating more effort in lieu of other locations?	
• is the design sustainable over say 10 years and achieve a self- explaining result over that period?	
• are the project parameters (e.g. operating speed) aligned to the corridor and the level of risk at the location?	
 is the level of risk of the project higher or lower than other locations – and is the design appropriate when this is considered? 	

It is suggested that in using the following prompt lists (Table H 2 to Table H 6 inclusive), auditors tick off the questions that apply using the boxes provided, before recording any notes and/or findings on the audit findings proforma (Appendix F.1).

H.3 Prompt List covering Local Alignment

Table H 2: Prompt list covering local alignment issues

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)	
		Visibility			
Are all aspects associated with the location of the route and/or its alignment safe?	Are horizontal and vertical alignments consistent with required visibility?	 Are sight lines obstructed by: safety fences; boundary fences; street furniture; parking facilities; signs; 	Are the sight lines clear of obstruction?	 Is sight distance adequate for the speed of traffic using the route? 	

Fea	sibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	P	re-opening		Existing roads (post-opening)
	If the route follows existing roads what are the effects of this?	Will sight lines be obstructed by permanent or temporary features e.g. bridge	landscaping; structures; environmental barriers;				Is adequate sight distance provided for intersections and crossings? (for
	If the route is in 'green fields' (undeveloped corridor), is the alignment	abutments and parked vehicles?	crests; features such as buildings,				example, pedestrian, cyclist, cattle, railway) Is adequate sight distance
	safe? Could it be safer? Does the scheme fit in with the physical		plant, or materials outside the highway boundary? Is the forward visibility of at-				provided at all private driveways and property entrances?
	constraints of the landscape?		grade crossings sufficient to ensure they are conspicuous?				Are there any visual clues which give a false
	Does the scheme take account of major network considerations?						impression of the vertical or horizontal geometry, including the presence of
	Have all harmful safety effects of this scheme upon the surrounding road network been identified? Have they					ali	intersections? the horizontal and vertical gnment suitable for the (85th rcentile) traffic speed? If not:
	been adequately dealt with?						installed? □ are advisory speed
	ght distance generally sfactory:					П	signs installed? Are the posted advisory
	 at intersections? (if not, what 						speeds for curves appropriate?
	implications?) at entry and exit ramps? 						Is the speed limit compatible with the function, road geometry,
	at property entrances?						land use and sight distance?
	at emergency vehicle access points?						Are safe overtaking opportunities provided?
						ma	the road free of elements that ay cause confusion? For ample:

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
 Are there any curves which are compliant but are obviously out of 				 is alignment of the roadway clearly defined?
character with those curves adjacent/close to it?				 has disused pavement (if any) been removed or treated?
				 have old pavement markings been removed properly?
				do tree lines follow the road alignment?
				 does the line of streetlights or the poles follow the road alignment?
				Is the road free of misleading curves or combinations of curves?
				Are medians and islands of adequate width for the likely users?
				 Are traffic lane and carriageway widths adequate for the traffic volume and mix?
				Are bridge widths adequate?
				Are shoulders wide enough to allow drivers to regain control of errant vehicles?
				 Are shoulders wide enough for broken-down or emergency vehicles to stop safely?
				□ Are shoulders sealed?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
				 Are shoulders trafficable for all vehicles and road users? (i.e. are shoulders in good condition)
				 Is the transition from road to shoulder safe? (no drop-offs)
				 Is appropriate superelevation provided on curves?
				 Is any adverse crossfall safely managed (for cars, trucks, etc.)?
				 Do crossfalls (carriageway and shoulder) provide adequate drainage?
				 Are batter slopes traversable by cars and trucks that run off the road?
		New/existing road interface		
Are all sections/transitions where the proposed road scheme connects with the existing network free of potential problems?	Will the proposed project be consistent with the standard of provision on adjacent lengths of road and if not, is this made obvious to the road	Where a new road joins an existing road, or where an on-line improvement is to be constructed, will the transition give rise to	Is there a need for additional signs and/or road markings?	 Where another road joins does this give rise to potential hazards? Where the road environment changes
 Have any railway level crossings been identified and are they treated adequately? Have other distractions 	 user? Does interface with other roads occur near any potential hazard, i.e. crest, bend after steep gradient? 	 potential hazards? Where the road environment changes (e.g. urban to rural, restricted to unrestricted) is 		(e.g. urban to rural, restricted to unrestricted) is the transition made obvious by appropriate signing and carriageway markings?
(for example, low-flying aircraft, advertising, etc.) been adequately dealt with?		the transition made obvious by appropriate signing and carriageway markings?		 Have safe run-off areas been provided where high speed merges are present or there are other conflict points?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
 Has the potential of the location to attract roadside stalls been considered? 				
 Have all unusual or hazardous conditions associated with special events been considered? 				

H.4 Prompt List covering General Aspects

Table H 3: Prompt list covering general aspects

Feasibility (concept)		Preliminary design		Detailed design		Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
			De	epartures from Standards			
	What are the road safety implications of any approved departures from standards or relaxations?	What are the road safety implications of any approved departures from standards or relaxations?		Consider road safety aspects of any departures granted since the preliminary design stage		Are there any adverse road safety implications of any departures from standard granted since the detailed design stage?	
		Cross	sect	ions and cross-sectional varia	atior	I	
		How safely do the cross- sections accommodate drainage, ducting, signing, fencing, lighting, and pedestrian and cycling routes? Could the scheme result in					
		the provision of adverse camber?					

Fe	asibility (concept)	Preliminary design		Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		What are the road safety implications if the standard of the proposed scheme differs from adjacent lengths of highway?				
			La	ndscaping/Environmental		
	Is the surrounding terrain free of physical or vegetation defects which could affect the safety of the scheme? (for example, heavy planting, forestry, deep cuttings, steep or rocky bluffs which constrain the design) Has safety been considered in the location of environmental features? (for example, noise fences) Does the scheme deal adequately with potential animal conflicts? (for example, kangaroos, wombats, cattle, etc.) Are visual distractions (for example, scenic vistas) adequately dealt with? (for example, by providing areas for people to stop safely)	Could areas of landscaping conflict with sight lines (including during windy conditions)? Has consideration been given to weather records or local experience that may indicate a particular problem? (for example, snow, ice, wind, fog)		Could planting (new or when mature) encroach onto the carriageway or obscure signs or sight lines (including during windy conditions)? Could earth embankments obscure signs or visibility? Could trees (new or when mature) be a hazard to an errant vehicle? Could planting affect lighting or shed leaves on to the carriageway?	Could planting obscure signs or sight lines (including during periods of windy weather)? Do earth embankments obscure signs or visibility? Could trees (new or when mature) be a potential hazard to an errant vehicle? Could planting affect lighting or shed leaves onto the carriageway?	Is landscaping in accordance with guidelines? (for example, clearances, sight distance) Will existing clearances and sight distances be maintained following future plant growth? Does the landscaping at roundabouts avoid visibility problems?
	Has the issue of unstable country been considered? (for example, mine subsidence)					

Fea	asibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
			Climatic conditions		
	Do the gradients, curves and general design approaches fit in with the likely weather or environmental aspects of the terrain? (for example, fog-prone areas) Will the scheme perform safely at night when it is wet, or there is fog? Has the issue of providing lighting for the design been considered?		Is there a need for specific provision to mitigate effects of fog, wind, sun glare, snow, and ice?	Are any extraordinary measures required?	Are climatic conditions giving rise to any safety related risks or hazards, and if so, is any mitigation effective?
			Drainage		
	Does drainage facilities appear to be adequate?	Will the new road drain adequately, or could areas of excess surface water result? Could excessive water drain across the highway from adjacent land?	Do drainage facilities appear to be adequate? Are features such as utility covers located within footpaths, cycle routes or equestrian routes? Are features such as utility covers or gratings located in the likely wheel tracks for motorcyclists or cyclists? Do they give concern for motorcyclist/cyclist stability? Is surface water likely to drain across a carriageway and increase the risk of aquaplaning under storm conditions?	Does drainage of roads, cycle routes and footpaths appear adequate? Are drainage features such as utility covers located within footpaths, cycle routes or equestrian routes? Are features such as utility covers or gratings located in the likely wheel tracks for motorcyclists or cyclists? Do they give concern for motorcyclist/cyclist stability?	Are roadside drains and culvert end walls traversable? Are all sections of the route free from ponding or flow across the road during wet weather? If there is ponding or flow across the road during wet weather, is there appropriate signposting? Are floodways and causeways correctly signposted? Are all culverts or drainage structures located outside the clear roadside recovery area? If not, are they shielded from the possibility of vehicle collision?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		Stopping areas		
Has adequate provision been made for vehicles to stop off the carriageway including rest and picnic areas?	 Has adequate provision been made for vehicles to stop off the carriageway including rest and picnic areas? How will parked vehicles affect sight lines? Could stopping areas be confused with intersections? Is the stopping area located in a safe location (e.g. away from vertical crests or tight horizontal alignments with limited visibility)? 	 Have stopping areas been positioned safely? Could parked vehicles obscure sight lines? Are stopping areas adequately signed? Are rest and picnic areas properly segregated from vehicular traffic? 		
	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Public utilities		
Will utility infrastructure/equipment introduce safety issues?	 Could utility infrastructure/equipment be struck by an errant vehicle? Could utility infrastructure/equipment obscure sight lines? 	 Can maintenance vehicles stop clear of traffic lanes? If so, could they obscure signs or sight lines? Is utility infrastructure/equipment located in safe positions away from locations that may have a high potential of errant vehicle strikes? Does infrastructure/equipment interfere with visibility? Has sufficient clearance to overhead cables been provided? Have any special accesses/parking areas been provided and are they safe? 	 Can maintenance vehicles stop clear of traffic lanes? If so, could they obscure signs or sight lines? Is utility infrastructure/equipment located in safe positions away from locations that may have a high potential of errant vehicle strikes? Does infrastructure/equipment interfere with visibility? Have any special accesses/parking areas provided safe? Are there any utility inspection chambers in live traffic lanes and/or wheel tracks? 	

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		Are there any utility inspection chambers in live traffic lanes and/or wheel tracks including those of motorcyclists or cyclists? Do they give concern for motorcyclist/cyclist stability?	Has any loose material around utility covers or gratings located in the verge been compacted down and made level with the surrounding ground?	
		Access		
	 Can all accesses be used safely? Can multiple accesses be linked into one service road? Are there any conflicts between turning and parked vehicles? 	 Is the visibility to/from accesses adequate? Are the accesses of adequate length to ensure all vehicles clear the main carriageway? Do all accesses appear safe for their intended use? 	 Is the visibility to/from accesses adequate? Are the accesses of adequate length to ensure all vehicles clear the main carriageway? 	 Is the visibility to/from accesses adequate? Are the accesses of adequate length to ensure all vehicles clear the main carriageway?
	Surf	acing/surface friction/skid resistar	ice	
		 Are there locations where high friction surfacing (such as on approaches to junctions and crossings) would be beneficial? Do surface changes occur at locations where they could adversely affect motorcycle stability? Is the colour of any high friction surfacing appropriate? 	 Do any joints in the surfacing appear to have excessive bleeding or low friction? Do surface changes occur at locations where they could adversely affect motorcycle stability? 	 Is the condition of the pavement edges satisfactory? Is the transition from pavement to shoulder free of dangerous edge drop offs? Is the pavement free of defects (for example, excessive roughness or rutting, potholes, loose material, etc.) that could result in safety problems (for example, loss of steering control)?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
				 Does the pavement appear to have adequate skid resistance, particularly on curves, steep grades, and approaches to intersections? Has skid resistance testing been carried out where necessary? Is the pavement free of areas where ponding or sheet flow of water could contribute to safety problems? Is the pavement free of loose stones and other material e.g. fallen leaves, nuts/seeds, branches?
	•	Emergency vehicles		
	 Has provision been made for safe access and egress by emergency vehicles? 	 Has provision been provided for safe access and egress by emergency vehicles? 		□ Is provision for emergency vehicles unhindered and effective?
		Agriculture		
Are there any adjoining agricultural areas? Have the safety implications of this been adequately considered?		 Have the needs of agricultural vehicles and plant been taken into consideration (e.g. room to stop between carriageway and gate, facilities for turning on dual carriageways)? Are such facilities safe to use and are they adequately signed? 		Is adjoining agriculture having an adverse effect on road safety? If any mitigation measures have been affected, are they effective?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		Fences and safety barriers		
	Is there a need for safety barriers to protect road users from signs, gantries, parapets, abutments, steep embankments, or water hazards?	 Is there a need for safety barriers to protect road users from signs, gantries, parapets, abutments, steep embankments, or water hazards? Do the safety barriers provided give adequate protection? Are the safety barriers provided long enough? Are specific barrier systems required for motorcyclists? If there are roads on both sides of the fence is an interlocking-design necessary to prevent impalement on impact? 	 Is the safety barrier system adequate? In the case of boundary fencing, are the rails placed on the non-traffic side of the posts? Have specific barrier systems been provided for motorcyclists? 	 Is the safety barrier system provided appropriate and well maintained? In the case of boundary fencing, are the rails placed on the non-traffic side of the posts? Have specific barrier systems been provided for motorcyclists?

Fe	asibility (concept)		Preliminary design		Detailed design		Pre-opening		Existing roads (post-opening)
	Adjoining/adjacent development								
	Will adjoining/adjacent development cause interference/confusion?		Does adjoining/adjacent development cause interference/confusion? (e.g. lighting or traffic signals on adjacent roads may affect a road user's perception of the road ahead) Is screening required to avoid headlamp glare between opposing carriageways, or any distraction to road users?		Has screening been provided to avoid headlamp glare between opposing carriageways, or any distraction to road users? Are there any safety issues relating to the provision of environmental barriers or screens?		Have environmental barriers been provided and do they create a potential hazard?		Are adjoining/adjacent development causing interference/confusion such that road safety is adversely affected?
	Basic design principles								
	Is the proposed concept appropriate for the predicted level of use for all road users?		Are the overall design principles appropriate for the predicted level of use for all road users?						
					Bridge parapets				
					Are parapet heights appropriate for the adjacent road user groups?		Is the projection of any attachment to the parapet likely to be struck by road users?		Are bridge parapets well maintained and adequately protected?
				Spe	cific/Vulnerable Road Users				
	Does the concept provide specific consideration of vulnerable groups? (i.e. the young, older users, mobility and visually impaired, motorcyclists.)		Is specific provision required for vulnerable groups? (i.e. the young, older users, mobility and visually impaired, motorcyclists.)		Are gradients appropriate for mobility scooters? Are timings at controlled crossings sufficient for all users?		 the following adequate for cific and vulnerable groups? visibility; signs; surfacing; other guardrails; drop kerbing/flush surfaces; tactile paving; 		Are the measures provided for specific/vulnerable road users effective and well maintained?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		 Do surface changes or excessive use of carriageway markings occur at locations where they could adversely affect motorcycle stability? Are specific barrier systems required for motorcyclists? Are features such as traffic calming, utility covers or gratings located in the likely wheel tracks for motorcyclists or cyclists? Do they give concern for motorcyclist/cyclist stability? 	 gradients; lighting levels; restraint systems; positioning of utility covers/gratings. 	Does adjoining landscaping and/or vegetation lead to items being on the surface that can impinge upon the safety of a vulnerable road user (e.g. make the surface particularly slippery for a young or ageing pedestrian or cyclist)

H.5 Prompt List covering Intersections

Table H 4: Prompt list covering intersections

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		Layout		
 Are all aspects of intersections (for example, spacing, type, layout, etc.) appropriate with respect to: the broad concept of the project the function of this road and intersecting roads the traffic mix on this road and intersecting roads 	 Is provision for right turning vehicles required? Are acceleration/deceleration lanes required? Are splitter islands required on minor arms to assist pedestrians or formalise road users' movements to/from the intersection? Are there any unusual features that affect road safety? 	 Are the intersections and accesses adequate for all vehicular movements? Are there any unusual features, which may have an adverse effect on road safety? Have guardrails/safety fences been provided where appropriate? 	 Have guard rails/safety fences been provided where appropriate? Do any roadside features (e.g. guard rails, safety fences, traffic bollards signs and traffic signals) intrude into drivers' line of sight? Have bollards been provided to assist pedestrians or formalise road user movements? 	Are all intersections and accesses operating effectively/safely for all vehicular movements?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
 types which are consistent within the scheme and consistent with adjacent sections? Is the frequency of intersections appropriate (neither too high nor too low): for safe access? to avoid impacts on the surrounding network? for emergency vehicle access? Has the vertical and/or horizontal alignment been considered regarding the style or spacing of intersections? Have all physical, visibility or traffic management constraints which would influence the choice or spacing of intersections been considered? 	 Are widths and swept paths adequate for all road users? Will large vehicles overrun pedestrian or cycle facilities? Are there any conflicts between turning and parked vehicles? Are any intersections sited on a crest? Is the intersection type appropriate for the traffic flows and likely vehicle speeds? 	 Do any roadside features (e.g. guard rails, safety fences, traffic bollards signs and traffic signals) intrude into drivers' line of sight? Are splitter islands and bollards required on minor arms to assist pedestrians or formalise road users' movements to/from the intersection? Are parking or stopping zones for buses, taxis and public utilities vehicles situated within the intersection area? Are they located outside visibility splays? Are any utility covers or gratings located in the likely wheel tracks of motorcyclists or cyclists? 		
 Are all the proposed intersections necessary or essential? 				
 Can any unnecessary intersections be removed? 				
 Can access safety be improved by changes on the surrounding road network? 				

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		Visibility		
Will the angle of the intersecting roads and the sight lines be adequate for the safety of all road users?	 Are sight lines adequate on and through junction approaches and from the minor arm? Are visibility splays adequate and clear of obstructions such as street furniture and landscaping? Will the use of deceleration or acceleration lanes obscure junction visibility? 	 Are the sight lines adequate at and through the junctions and from minor roads? Are visibility splays clear of obstruction? 	Are all visibility splays clear of obstructions?	Are all visibility splays clear of obstructions?
		T, X, Y intersections		
		 Have ghost island right turn lanes and refuges been provided where required? Do intersections have adequate stacking space for turning movements? Can staggered crossroads accommodate all vehicle types and movements? 	 Are priorities clearly defined? Is signing adequate? 	
		All roundabouts		
		 Are the deflection angles of approach roads adequate for the likely approach speed? Are splitter islands necessary? Is visibility on approach adequate to ensure drivers can perceive the correct path through the roundabout? 	 Can the roundabout be seen from appropriate distances and is the signing adequate? Where chevron signs are required, have they been correctly sited? 	Are any roundabouts provided operating effectively and safely?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		 Where chevron signs are required, have they been correctly sited? Are dedicated approach lanes required? If provided, will the road markings and signs be clear to all users? Are any utility covers or gratings located in the likely wheel tracks of motorcyclists or cyclists? 		
		Traffic signals		
		 Will speed discrimination equipment be required? Is the advance signing adequate? Are signals clearly visible in relation to the likely approach speeds? Is 'see through' likely to be a problem? If so, would lantern filters assist? Is the visibility of signals likely to be affected by sunrise/sunset? Would high intensity signals and/or backing boards improve visibility? Would high-level signal units be of value? Are the STOP/Give Way markings in the correct location? Are any pedestrian crossings excessively long? 	 Can the traffic signals be seen from appropriate distances? Can drivers see traffic signal heads for opposing traffic? For the operation of signals: Are the signal phases working correctly, are unnecessary delays being created? Do pedestrian and cycle phases give adequate crossing time? Can pedestrians or cyclists mistakenly view the green signal for other pedestrian or cycle phases? 	 Are traffic signals operating correctly? Are the number, location and type of signal displays appropriate for the traffic mix and traffic environment? Where necessary, are there provisions for visually impaired pedestrians? (for example, audio-tactile push buttons, tactile markings) Where necessary, are there provisions for elderly or disabled pedestrians? (for example, extended green or clearance phase) Is the controller located in a safe position? (i.e. where it is unlikely to be hit, but maintenance access is safe)

Does the number of exit Does the number of exit Does the number of exit	Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
 that could be caused by the rising or setting sun been addressed? If not is the taper length adequate? Is the required intersection intervisibility provided? Are signal displays shielded so that they can be seen only by the motorists for whom they are intended? Where signal displays are not visible from an adequate distance, are signal warning signs and/or flashing lights installed? Where signals are mounted high for visibility over crests, is there adequate stopping sight distance to the ends of traffic queues? Is the primary signal free from obstructions on the nearside footway to approaching drivers? (trees, seen footway to approaching drivers? (trees, seen footway to approaching drivers?) 	Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	 Are the proposed tactile paving layouts correct? Are the markings for right turning vehicles adequate? Is there a need for box junction markings? Is the phasing appropriate? Will pedestrian/cyclist phases be needed? Does the number of exit lanes equal the number of approach lanes? If not is the taper length adequate? Is the required intersection intervisibility 	Pre-opening	 Is the condition (especially skid resistance) of the road surface on the approaches satisfactory? Are traffic signals clearly visible to approaching motorists? Is there adequate stopping sight distance to the ends of possible vehicle queues? Have any visibility problems that could be caused by the rising or setting sun been addressed? Are signal displays shielded so that they can be seen only by the motorists for whom they are intended? Where signal displays are not visible from an adequate distance, are signal warning signs and/or flashing lights installed? Where signals are mounted high for visibility over crests, is there adequate stopping sight distance to the ends of traffic queues? Is the primary signal free from obstructions on the

H.6 Prompt List covering Walking and Cycling

Table H 5: Prompt list covering walking and cycling

Fe	asibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design		Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
			Adjacent land			
	Will the project adversely affect adjacent land?	Will the scheme have an adverse effect on safe use of adjacent land?	Are accesses to and from adjacent land/properties safe to use? Has adjacent land been suitably fenced?		Has suitable fencing been provided?	Is fencing provided complete and well maintained? Is the risk of incursion onto the road from the adjacent land minimal?
			Public transport			
	Is provision made for public transport?	Are any bus stops to be provided safely located with adequate visibility and clearance to the traffic lane? Are shelters and seats to be provided located safely to ensure that sight lines are not impeded? Is clearance to the road adequate?	Are bus stops safely located with adequate visibility and clearance to the traffic lane? Are bus stops in rural areas signposted in advance? Are shelters and seats located safely to ensure that sight lines are not impeded? Is clearance to the road adequate? Is the height and shape of the kerb at bus stops suitable for pedestrians and bus drivers?		Are bus stops safely located with adequate visibility and clearance to the traffic lane? Are bus stops in rural areas signposted in advance? Are shelters and seats located safely to ensure that sight lines are not impeded? Is clearance to the road adequate? Is the height and shape of the kerb at bus stops suitable for pedestrians and bus drivers?	Are bus stops safely located with adequate visibility and clearance to the traffic lane? Are bus stops in rural areas signposted in advance? Are shelters and seats located safely to ensure that sight lines are not impeded? Is clearance to the road adequate? Is the height and shape of the kerb at bus stops suitable for pedestrians and bus drivers?
			Pedestrians			
	Does the concept appropriately consider the requirements of pedestrians?	Have pedestrian routes been provided where required? Do shared facilities take account of the needs of all user groups?	Have the needs of pedestrians been considered especially at intersections and roundabouts?	Are	 the following adequate? visibility; signs; surfacing; other guardrails; 	Do actual crossing points relate to desire lines? And if not, does this introduce increased levels of significant risk?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
	 Can verge strips dividing footways/cycleways and carriageways be provided? Where footpaths have been diverted, will the new alignment permit the same users free access? Are footbridges/subways sited to attract maximum use? Is specific provision required for special and vulnerable groups? (i.e. the young, older users, mobility and visually impaired?) Are tactile paving, flush kerbs and guard railing proposed? Is it specified correctly and in the best location? Have all walking needs been considered, especially at intersections? Are these routes clear of obstructions such as signposts, lamp columns etc.? 	 Are any proposed drop kerbs flush with the adjacent highway? Is tactile paving proposed? Is it specified correctly and in the best location? 	 drop kerbing or flush surfaces; tactile paving. 	 Are there appropriate travel paths and crossing points for pedestrians? Is a safety fence installed where necessary to guide pedestrians to crossings or overpasses? Is a safety barrier installed where necessary to separate vehicle and pedestrian flows? Are pedestrian facilities suitable for night use? Is there adequate separation distance between vehicular traffic and pedestrians on footways? Is there an adequate number of pedestrian crossings along the route? At crossing points is fencing oriented so pedestrians face oncoming traffic? Is there adequate provision for the elderly, the disabled, children, wheelchairs, and baby carriages? (for example, holding rails, kerb and median crossings, ramps) Are adequate handrails provided where necessary? (for example, on bridges, ramps)

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				Is signing about pedestrians near schools adequate and effective?
				 Is signing about pedestrians near any hospital adequate and effective?
				Is the distance from the stop line to a cross walk sufficient for truck drivers to see pedestrians?
		Cyclist		
	 Have cycle routes been provided where required? Do shared facilities take account of the needs of all user groups? Can verge strips dividing footways/cycleways and carriageways be provided? Is specific provision required for special and vulnerable groups? (i.e. the young, older users, mobility impaired?) Have all cycling needs been considered, especially at intersections? Are these routes clear of obstructions such as signposts, lamp columns etc.? 	 Have the needs of cyclists been considered especially at intersections and roundabouts? Are cycle lanes or segregated cycle tracks required? Does the signing make clear the intended use of such facilities? Are cycle crossings adequately signed? Has lighting been provided on cycle routes? Are any proposed drop kerbs flush with the adjacent highway? Are any parapet heights sufficient? Is tactile paving proposed? Is it specified correctly and in the best location? 	Do the following provide sufficient levels of road safety for cyclists on, or crossing the road?	 Is a safety fence installed where necessary to guide cyclists to crossings or overpasses? Are there appropriate travel paths and crossing points for cyclists? Is a safety barrier installed where necessary to separate vehicle and cyclist flows? Are cycling facilities suitable for night use? Is the pavement width adequate for the number of cyclists using the route? Is the bicycle route continuous? (i.e. free of squeeze points or gaps) Are drainage pit grates bicycle safe?

H.7 Prompt List covering Traffic Signs, Line Markings and Lighting

 Table H 6:
 Prompt list covering traffic signs, line markings and lighting

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		Signs		
c	 Is there likely to be sufficient highway land to provide the traffic signs required? Are sign gantries needed? Have traffic signs been located away from locations where there is a high strike risk? 	 Do destinations shown align with signing policy? Are signs easy to understand? Are the signs located behind safety fencing and out of the way of pedestrians and cyclists? Is there a need for overhead signs? Where overhead signs are necessary is there sufficient headroom to enable designated walking and cycling usage? Has sign clutter been considered? Is intersection signing adequate, consistent with adjacent signing and easily understood? Have the appropriate warning signs been provided? Are signs appropriately located and of the appropriate size for approach speeds? 	 Are the visibility, locations, and legibility of all signs (during daylight and darkness) adequate? Are signposts protected from vehicle impact or passively safe? Will signposts impede the safe and convenient passage of pedestrians and cyclists? Have additional warning signs been provided where necessary? 	 Have all signs been installed in accordance with the appropriate guidelines? Are all signs conspicuous and clear? Are all necessary regulatory, warning and direction signs in place? Are the correct signs used for each situation, and is each sign necessary? Are all signs effective for all likely conditions? (for example, day, night, rain, fog, rising or setting sun, oncoming headlights, poor lighting) If restrictions apply for any class of vehicle, are drivers adequately advised? If restrictions apply for any class of vehicle, are drivers advised of alternative routes? In daylight and darkness, are signs satisfactory regarding visibility and: clarity of message? readability/legibility at the required distance?

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)
		 Are sign posts and sign structures passively safe or protected by safety barriers where appropriate? Are traffic signs illuminated where required and the correct reflectivity provided? Are traffic signs located in positions that minimise potential strike risk? Is the mounting height of sign faces appropriate? Are traffic signs orientated correctly to ensure correct visibility and reflectivity? 		 Are signs able to be seen without being hidden by their background or adjacent distractions? Is driver confusion due to too many signs avoided? Is sign retroreflectivity or illumination satisfactory? Are sign supports out of the clear zone? If not, are they: frangible? protected by barriers (for example, guard fence, crash cushions)? Are curve warning signs and advisory speed signs installed where required? Are the signs correctly located in relation to the curve? (i.e. not too far in advance) Are the signs large enough? Are the signs large enough? Are chevron alignment markers (CAMs) installed where required? Is the positioning of CAMs satisfactory to provide guidance around the curve? Are the CAMs the correct size? Are CAMs confined to curves? (not used to delineate islands, etc)

Feasibility (concept)	Preliminary design	Detailed design	Pre-opening	Existing roads (post-opening)	
		Lighting			
	 Is the project to be street lit? Has lighting been considered at new intersections and where adjoining existing roads? Are lighting columns located in the best positions? (e.g. behind safety fences) 	 Has lighting been considered at new intersections and where adjoining existing roads? Is there a need for lighting, including lighting of signs and bollards? Are lighting columns passively safe? Are lighting columns located in the best positions, e.g. behind safety fences and not obstructing walking and cycling routes? 	 Does the street lighting provide adequate illumination of roadside features, road markings and non-vehicular users to drivers? Is the level of illumination adequate for the road safety of pedestrians and cyclists? Is lighting obscured by vegetation or other street furniture? 	 Has lighting been adequately provided where required? Is the road free of features that interrupt illumination? (for example, trees or overbridges) Is the road free of lighting poles that are a fixed roadside hazard? Are frangible or slip-base poles provided? Ambient lighting reeds, have these been satisfied? Is the lighting scheme free of confusing or misleading effects on signals or signs? Is the scheme free of any lighting black patches? 	
		Posts/columns			
	Will poles/columns be appropriately located and protected?	 Are poles and columns passively safe? Are poles and columns protected by safety fencing where appropriate? 		Do all poles and columns have structural integrity and are well maintained?	
Lines, other markings and delineators					
	Are any road markings proposed at this stage appropriate?	 Do the carriageway markings clearly define routes/priorities? Are the dimensions of the road markings appropriate for the speed limit/design speed of the road? 	 Are all road markings/studs clear and appropriate for their location? Have all superseded road markings and studs been removed adequately? 	 Does all linemarking conform with these guidelines? Is there advance warning of approaching auxiliary lanes? 	

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		 Have old road markings and road studs been adequately removed? Are road markings appropriate to the location? Are centre and edge lines; hatching; road studs; text/destinations etc approved and/or conform to the local Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) 	 Do the carriageway markings clearly define routes and priorities? Have all superseded road markings and studs been removed adequately? 	 Is the linemarking and delineation: appropriate for the function of the road? consistent along the route? likely to be effective under all expected conditions? (day, night, wet, dry, fog, rising and setting sun position, oncoming headlights, etc.) Is the pavement free of excessive markings? (for example, unnecessary turn arrows, unnecessary barrier lines, etc.) Are centrelines, edge lines, lane lines provided? If not, do drivers have adequate guidance? Have RRPMs been installed where required? If RRPMs are installed, are they correctly placed, correct colours, in good condition? Are profiled (audible) edge lines provided where required? Is the sufficient contrast between linemarking and pavement colour? Are guideposts appropriately installed?