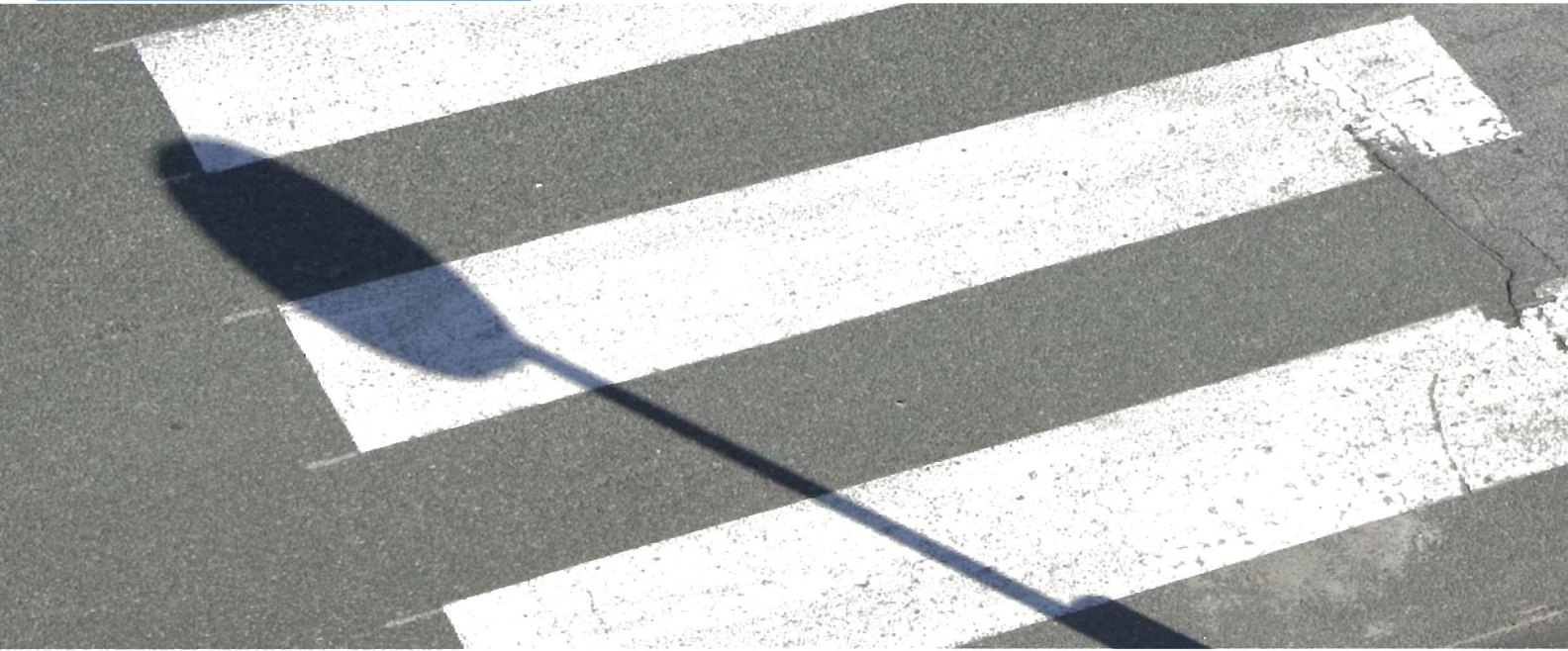


Safety Audits



Road Safety Audit is the engineering process carried out for highway new-build and improvement schemes to ensure that project implementation is consistent with requirements, and does not build hazards into schemes.

The procedure for safety audits is laid down by the local Highway Authority for the area, but is usually based on that used by the Government for its own trunk roads and motorways.

This is set out in a document called The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges and audits should be carried out in accordance with HD 1903.

Audit stages include:

Stage 1: Feasibility

Stage 2: Detailed Design

Stage 3: Opening

Stage 4: 12 Month post opening.

Engineers and Technicians with experience in accident investigation and road safety engineering, and who have completed a RoSPA Accident Investigation and Prevention or equivalent course, are best suited to carry out safety audits.

In order to ensure impartiality, auditors must not have been involved in the original design. We have suitably qualified and experienced people at Byways & Highways Ltd.

A safety audit may be a requirement of Planning Permission through an agreement under the Highways Act 1980.

Our extensive understanding of the process and our capability enables us to complete Highways Agency/Highway Authority approved audits promptly and to budget.

The basic procedure is that Road Safety Auditors report their findings to the designers who consider the report. Normally the designer will formally record how each point identified within the audit will be dealt with. The key aim of the audit is to reduce the risks of accidents occurring with new road improvements.

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