STAGE 1&2 ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

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Proposed Residential Development at Mill Lane, Leixlip.

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### 1.0 Introduction

This report was prepared in response to a request from Mr. Shaun O'Reilly, Pinnacle Consulting Engineers, for an update of the Combined Stage 1&2 Road Safety Audit previously carried out of the proposed residential development at Mill Lane, Leixlip on behalf of Clúid Housing.

The Road Safety Audit Team comprised of;

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TII Auditor Approval no. NB 168446

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The Road Safety Audit comprised an examination of the drawings provided and a site visit by the Audit Team, together on the 17<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

The weather at the time of the site visit was dry and the road surface was also damp.

This Stage 1&2 Road Safety Audit has been carried out in accordance with the requirements of TII Publication Number GE-STY-01024, dated December 2017 & May 2025.

The scheme has been examined and this report compiled in respect of the consideration of those matters that have an adverse effect on road safety. It has not been examined or verified for compliance with any other standards or criteria.

The problems identified in this report are considered to require action in order to improve the safety of the scheme for road users.

If any of the recommendations within this safety audit report are not accepted, a written response is required, stating reasons for non-acceptance. Comments made within the report under the heading of Observation are intended to be for information only. Written responses to Observations are not required.

A location map showing where each problem occurs is provided in Appendix A.

A list of the documents provided to the Audit Team is provided in Appendix B.

The feedback form to be completed by the Design Team Leader is provided in Appendix C.



### 2.0 Background

Clúid housing propose to build a residential housing scheme off Mill Lane in Leixlip. A Stage 1&2 road safety audit was carried out previously and finalised in August 2024. Since then the design has been further developed and the Design Team have requested that the Audit Team review the updated drawings and assess for road safety issues. For completeness the original audit issues have been retained in this report and any new text associated with the updated layout is provided in blue for ease of the reader.

Access to the development will be through an existing access off Mill Lane. The access road will be 5.5m wide. Six car parking spaces plus two disabled parking spaces are to be provided plus 36 no. bicycle parking spaces.

The junction of Mill Lane and Main Street is to be upgraded to provide traffic calming, greater visibility and improved facilities for vulnerable road users. Two on-street parking spaces on Main street are proposed to be removed.

Mill Lane is a narrow two-way street which has on-street parking and an informal shuttle system is used by drivers. There are footpaths on both sides.

The speed limit is 50km/hr.

The changes are mainly associated with the public road and the retention of car parking spaces.

The site location is shown below.





Imagery courtesy of Openstreetmap.org



# 3.0 Issues Identified in This Road Safety Audit. (Original Audit Dec 2023 to Aug 2024)

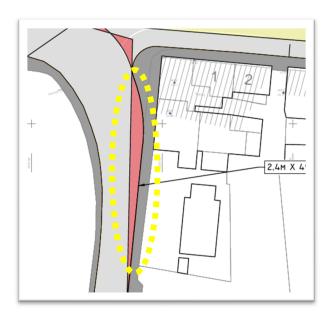
### 3.1 Problem

**LOCATION** 

Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-XX-DR-D-101-SI Rev P04, Mill Lane junction visibility.

#### PROBLEM

The drawing shows the visibility to the left for drivers exiting Mill Lane onto Main Street. There is a risk that parked vehicles will obscure the sightline resulting in side-impact or rear-end collisions.



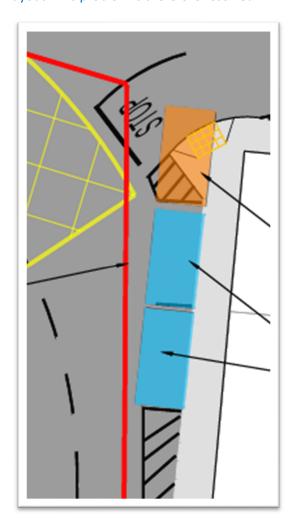




#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that parking be prohibited or that the visibility splay take into account any proposed parking arrangements.

July 2025 – It is noted that the two retained spaces will not be within the visibility splay in the revised layout. This problem is therefore resolved.



Extract form July 2025 drawing.



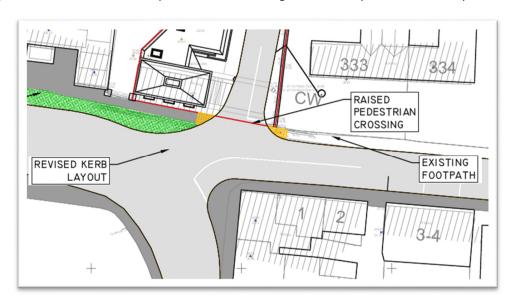
### 3.2 Problem

**LOCATION** 

Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-XX-DR-D-101-SI Rev P04, Mill Lane junction, Pedestrian desire line.

#### **PROBLEM**

There will be a pedestrian desire line to cross the Mill Lane junction with Main Street. Without adequate crossing facilities there could be trips and falls on the high kerbs or slips on the landscaped area.



#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that a crossing be provided along the desire line.

A crossing has been provided in the July 2025 update – This problem is therefore resolved.

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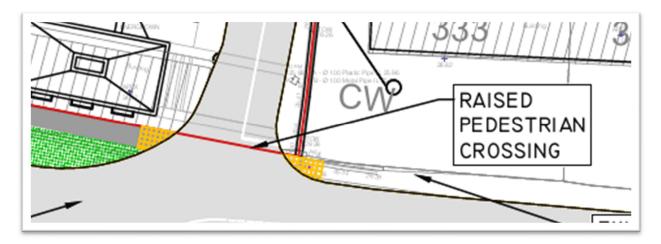
### 3.3 Problem

#### LOCATION

Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-XX-DR-D-101-SI Rev P04, Mill Lane junction, Access junction.

#### PROBLEM

The drawing indicates a raised pedestrian crossing at the access junction into the development. There is a risk that given the fixed footpath location that to raise the crossing would lead to a steep taper which could result in grounding of vehicles or a narrow crossing point which could lead to inaccessibility for some pedestrians and loss of balance/falls on the steep crossfall of the taper.



#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended an at- grade crossing be provided with additional warning for drivers of the need to stop by providing STOP road marking text and a stop sign.

This issue has been resolved in the 2025 update.



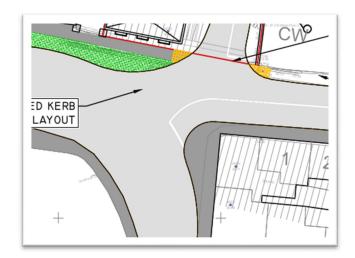
### 3.4 Problem

#### LOCATION

Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-XX-DR-D-101-SI Rev P04, Main Street, yellow box.

#### **PROBLEM**

It is unclear if the existing yellow box on Main Street is to be retained. Without this yellow box drivers may not get much opportunity to exit from Mill Lane given how busy Main Street is. This could result in drivers attempting to take small gaps in traffic leading to side-impact or rear-end collisions.





#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the yellow box (and high friction surfacing) be retained.

The Yellow box is shown to be retained. It is unclear iof the high friuction surfacing is to be retained.



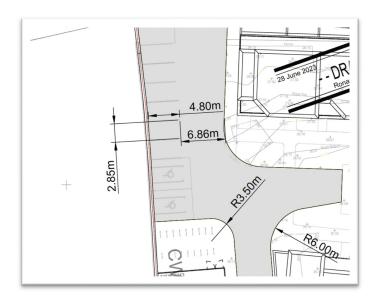
### 3.5 Problem

**LOCATION** 

Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-XX-DR-D-101-SI Rev P14, Internal footpaths.

#### PROBLEM

It is unclear where access points are for pedestrians to the access road and car parking including the disabled spaces. A lack of dropped kerbs could lead to falls at the high kerbs.



#### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that dropped kerbs be provided at suitable access points to the access road and parking.

### 3A Issues Identified in This Road Safety Audit. (July 2025)

No new problems identified.



### 4.0 Observations

### 4.1 Observation

The location of the Stop sign for the revised Mill lane junction has not been shown on the drawings. Shown on July 2025 drawing.

#### 4.2 Observation

The following details have not been provided to the Audit Team

- Drainage
- Signage (Provided July 2025)
- Landscaping
- Lighting
- Vertical alignment
- Internal pedestrian crossing points

### 5.0 Audit Statement

We certify that we have examined the site on the  $17^h$  of November 2023. The examination has been carried out with the sole purpose of identifying any aspects of the design which could be added, removed or modified in order to improve the safety of the scheme.

The problems identified have been noted in this report together with associated safety improvement suggestions which we would recommend should be studied for implementation. The audit has been carried out by the persons named below who have not been involved in any design work on this scheme as a member of the Design Team.

Norman Bruton	Signed: Norman Brutan
(Audit Team Leader)	Dated: <u>4-7-2025</u>
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Owen O'Reilly	Signed: Ewen O'Relly

Dated: \_4-7-2025\_

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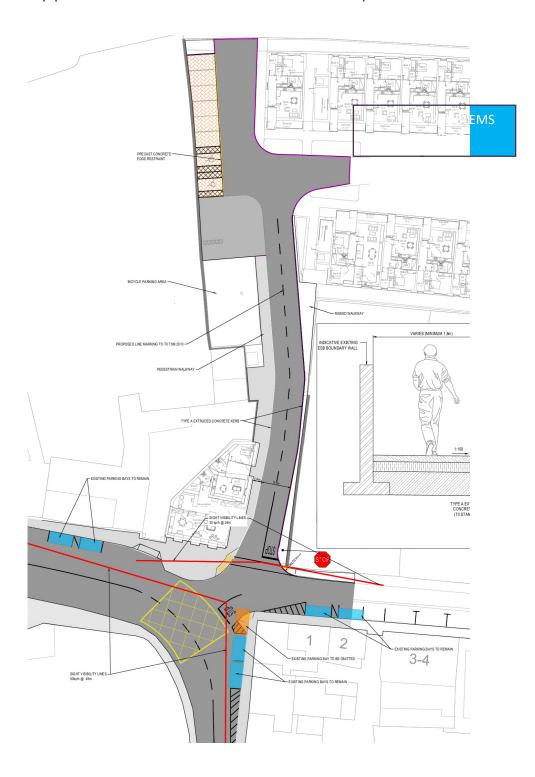
## STAGE 1&2 RSA – MILL LANE, LEIXLIP PINNACLE

### Appendix A – Problem Location Map –2023-2024





### Appendix A – Problem Location Map -2025





### Appendix B

### **Information Supplied to the Audit Team**

- Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-DR-D-102-S1-P03-General Layout -Option 2 Tracking-A1
- Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-DR-D-103-S1-P03-General Layout -Option 2 Parking-A1
- Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-DR-D-104-S1-P01-Geometric Layout -Option 2-A1
- Drawing P230400419-PIN-XX-DR-D-101-S1-P04-General Layout -Option 2-A1

### **For Information**

• P230400419-PIN-RP-00-C001-V2-Traffic & Transport Assessment

### Information Supplied to the Audit Team - July 2025

Drawing 80169-NOD-01-XX-DR-C-08601 Rev P03



### Appendix C

### Feedback Form

### **SAFETY AUDIT FORM – FEEDBACK ON AUDIT REPORT**

Scheme: Mill Lane, Leixlip Stage: 1&2 Road Safety Audit

Date Audit (Site Visit) Completed: 17-11-2023

Paragraph No. in Safety Audit Report	Problem accepted (yes/no)	Recommended measure accepted (yes/no)	Alternative measures (describe)	Alternative measures accepted by Auditors (Yes/No)	Nicholas O'Dwyer Response
3.1	Yes	Yes		Yes	KCC to approve recommendation
3.2	Yes	Yes		Yes	KCC to approve recommendation
3.3	Yes	Yes		Yes	Crossing revised to at-grade crossing
3.4	Yes	Yes		Yes	KCC to approve recommendation
3.5	Yes	Yes		Yes	Drawing updated

Signed  Design Team Leader	Date
Signed Brutan Audit Team Leader	Date16-8-2024
Signed  Developer/ Employer	Date

NO FEEDBACK FORM REQUIRED FOR JULY 2025 UPDATE