

**23043-01-001**

**St. John's Convent,  
New Street, Rathangan**

**ROAD SAFETY AUDIT STAGE 1 / 2**

**Septmeber 2023**

**ROADPLAN**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report describes a Stage 1 / 2 Road Safety Audit carried out at the proposed development St. John's Convent, New Street, Rathangan on behalf of Walsh Associates. The audit was carried out on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 in the offices of Roadplan Consulting, Kilkenny.
- 1.2 The audit team members were as follows:
- George Frisby, BE CEng MIEI  
Auditor Number GF51255
  - Richard Frisby, BSc AEng MIEI  
Auditor Number RF1337391
  - Jince Philip Zachariah, PhD CEng.  
Observer
- 1.3 Both audit team members visited the site on the 11<sup>th</sup> July 2023. The audit comprised an examination of the drawings relating to the scheme supplied by Walsh Architects and an examination of the site.
- 1.4 The proposed development features 24 residential units at New Street (R414), Rathangan, Co. Kildare.



- 1.5 The speed limit of road at the site entrance is 50 km/h.
- 1.6 This Stage 1 / 2 Audit has been carried out in accordance with the relevant sections of TII GE-STY-01024. The team has examined only those issues

within the design relating to the road safety implications of the scheme and has therefore not examined or verified the compliance of the design to any other criteria.

- 1.7 All problems described in this report are considered by the audit team to require action in order to improve the safety of the scheme and minimise accident occurrence.
- 1.8 Appendix A describes the audited drawings.

## 2. STAGE 1 / 2 AUDIT

### 2.1 Problem

Intervisibility between drivers of vehicles exiting the proposed development and pedestrians travelling along the existing footpath may be restricted by the proposed boundary walls and piers either side of the access. A lack of adequate intervisibility at this location may contribute to a pedestrian collision at the proposed access.

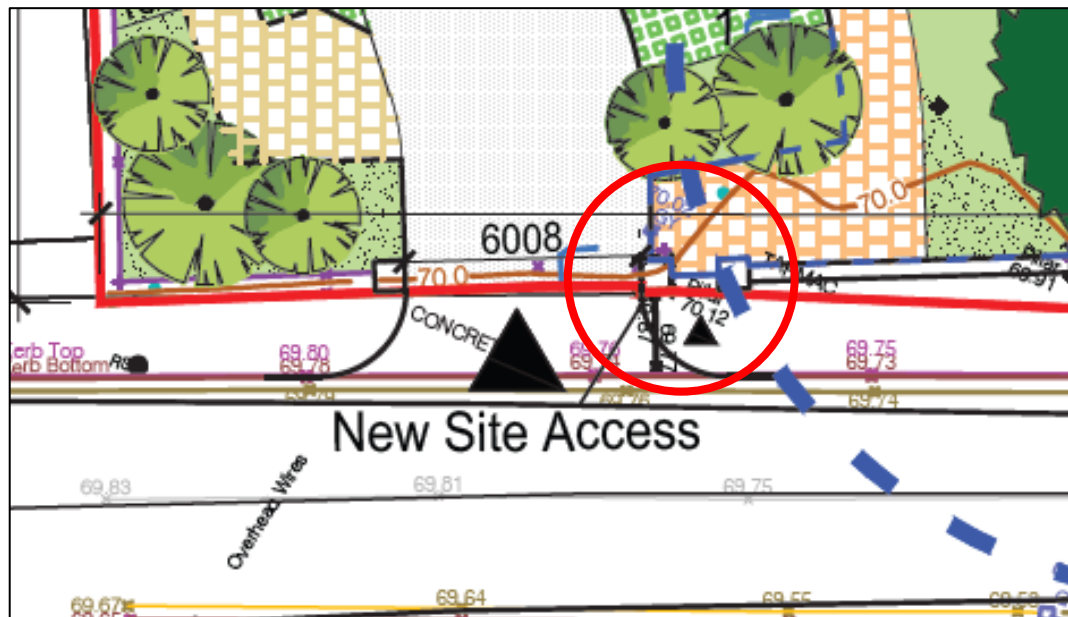


### Recommendation

Revise the layout to ensure that adequate intervisibility between drivers of vehicles exiting the proposed development and pedestrians travelling along the existing footpath is provided.

### 2.2 Problem

The proposed pedestrian access to the development from the R414 adjacent to the vehicular access appears to be narrow. As a result, mobility impaired pedestrians may not be able to use this access and instead access the proposed development via the vehicular access which would increase the risk of a collision at this location.

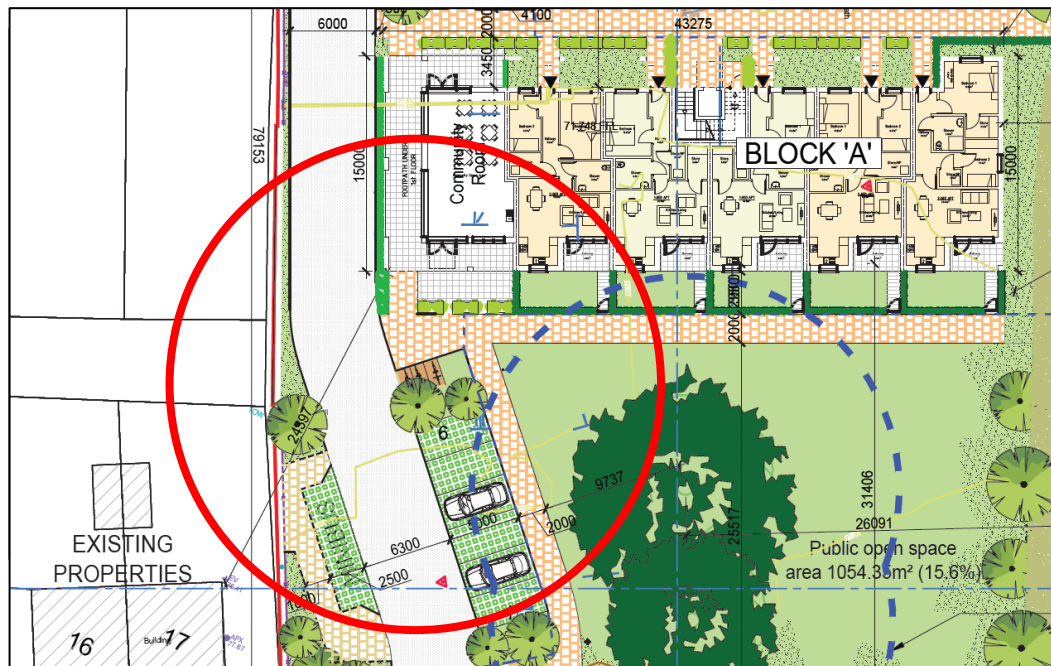


### Recommendation

Ensure that the proposed pedestrian access is sufficiently wide to cater for mobility impaired pedestrians.

### 2.3 Problem

A minibus set-down area is proposed within the development on the west side of the access road with a footpath to the rear of the set-down area. However, the main footpath linking to the housing units within the development is located on the east side of the access road and an appropriate link to this footpath is not shown to be provided from the minibus set-down area. A lack of an appropriate footpath link may result in pedestrians travelling along the access road where they would be at an increased risk of being struck by a passing vehicle.



### Recommendation

Provide an adequate footpath link from the minibus set-down to the proposed footpath on the east side of the access road.

### 2.4 Problem

A minibus set-down area and parking spaces are proposed immediately within the development in close proximity to its junction with the R414. Intervisibility between drivers of vehicles entering the proposed development and drivers of vehicles turning to and from these parking spaces may be restricted by the proposed roadside boundaries. A lack of adequate intervisibility may contribute to a collision at this location.

### Recommendation

Provide measures to ensure that adequate intervisibility between drivers of vehicles entering the proposed development and drivers of vehicles turning to and from these parking spaces is provided. Such measures could include lowering the roadside boundaries, provision of a raised crossing at the proposed access etc.

### 2.5 Problem

At the proposed access the kerbline is shown to be returned with priority given to drivers of vehicles entering and exiting at the access. Dropped kerbs and tactile paving are not shown to be provided to cater for mobility impaired pedestrians crossing at the proposed access. A lack of adequate pedestrian facilities may increase collision risk at this location.

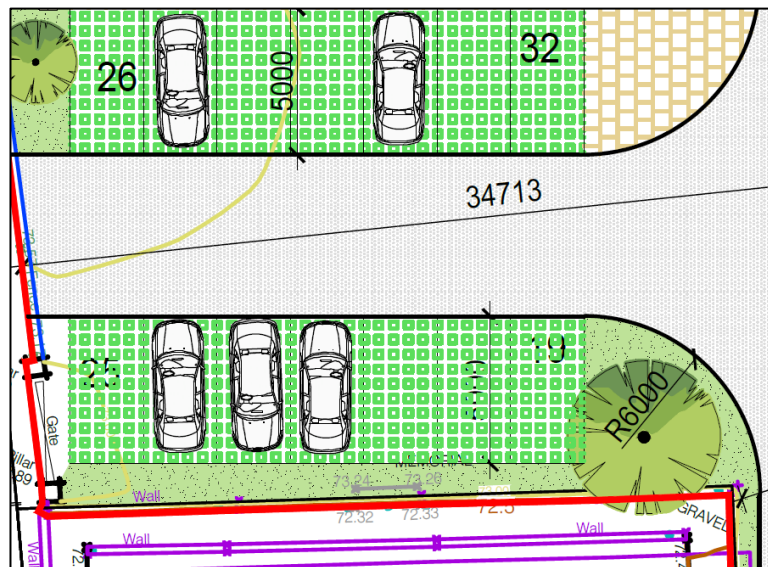


**Recommendation**

In conjunction with recommendation 2.4 above, provide priority to pedestrians at the access. Alternatively, provide dropped kerbs and tactile paving either side of the access.

**2.6 Problem**

A footpath is not shown to be provided to accommodate pedestrians travelling to and from the parking spaces on the south side of the turning head within the proposed development. A lack of an appropriate footpath link may result in pedestrians travelling along the access road where they would be at an increased risk of being struck by a passing vehicle.





**Recommendation**

Provide an adequate footpath link from these parking spaces to the proposed footpath on the east side of the access road.

**3. AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT**

3.1 We certify that we have examined the drawings listed in Appendix A and have inspected the site. This examination has been carried out with the sole purpose of identifying any features of the design that could be removed or modified to improve the safety of the scheme.

Signed.....  ..... George Frisby  
Date ..... 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023.....

Signed.....  ..... Richard Frisby  
Date ..... 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 .....



## APPENDIX A

### List of Drawings Examined

The following drawings have been provided electronically in PDF format by Walsh Associates:

Drawing number	Rev	Drawing title
P-004		PROPOSED SITE LAYOUT PLAN
SK-010A		SITE LOCATION MAP



Site Area = 6761.7m<sup>2</sup> (0.67ha)

Proposed Units Schedule:

**BUILDING 'A'** - 12 Dwellings

- 1 No. Community Room
- 7 No. 1-Bed/2 Person Apartment
- 5 No. 2-Bed/3 Person Apartment

**BUILDING 'B'** - 12 Dwellings

- 4 No. 1-Bed/2 Person Apartment
- 8 No. 2-Bed/3 Person Apartment

UNITS TYPES BREAKDOWN:

- 1 No. Community Room
- 11 No. 1-Bed/2 Person Apartment
- 13 No. 2-Bed/3 Person Apartment
- in total:**
- 24No. Units & 1No. Community Room**

Density: 35uph

Plot Ratio: 0.26

Site Coverage: 14%

Public open space = 1054.4 m<sup>2</sup> (15.6%)  
Communal open space=1892.5m<sup>2</sup> (28%)

32 No. Car park Spaces Provided, including:  
6 No. Visitors car park spaces,  
2 No. of designated car park spaces,  
7 No. spaces with charging point,  
plus 1 No. Minibus Drop Off Space

36No. long-stay, Secured Bicycle Parking Spaces (1space/ units)  
and 12No. short-stay, Bicycle Parking Stands (1space/2 units)

## Proposed Site Layout Plan

Scale 1:500 @ A3

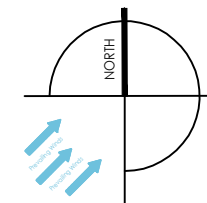
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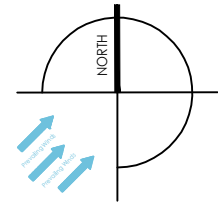
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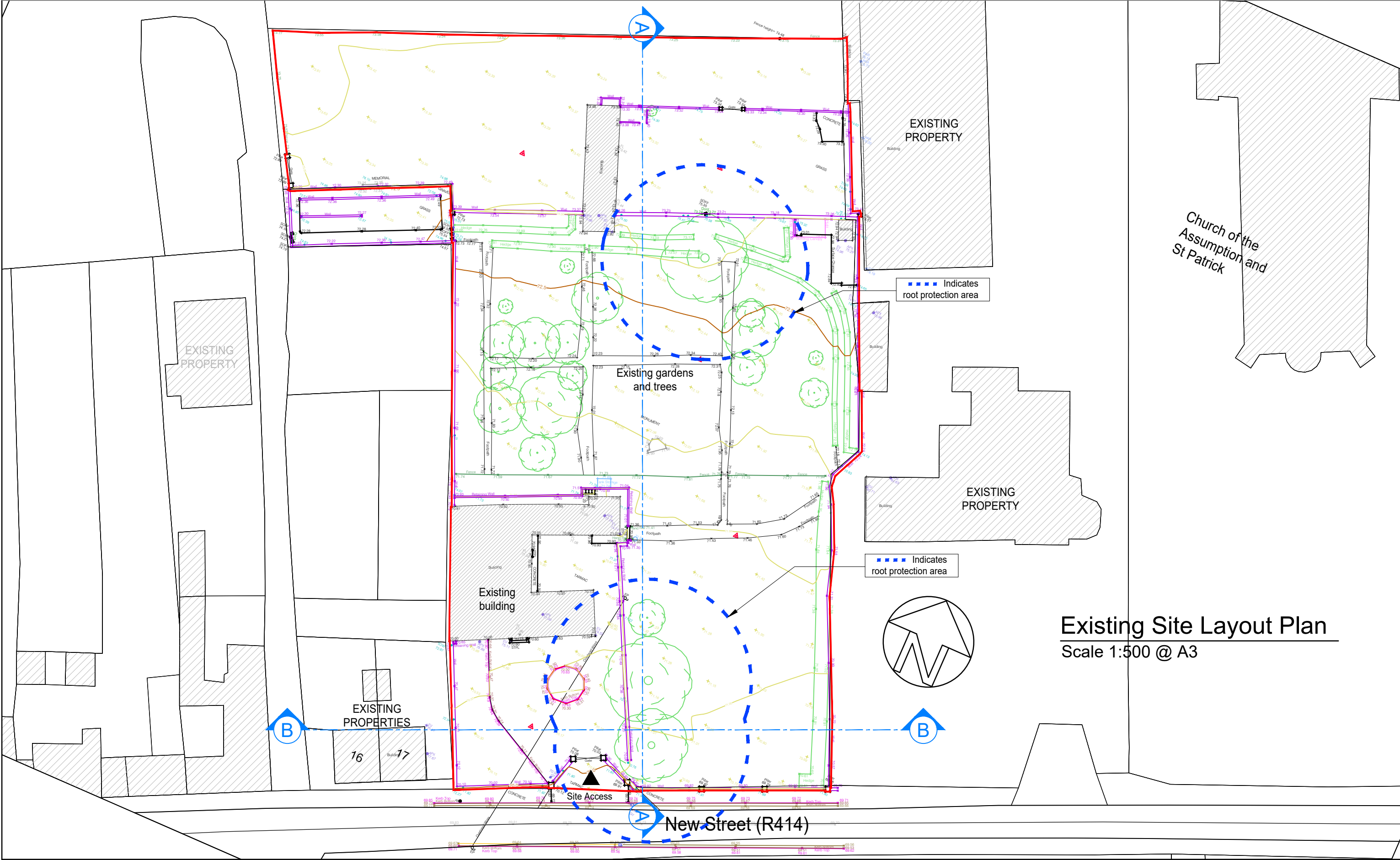
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**Existing Site Layout Plan**  
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**BUILDING 'B' - 14 Dwellings**  
 4 No. 1-Bed/2 Person Apartment  
 10 No. 2-Bed/3 Person Apartment

**UNITS TYPES BREAKDOWN:**

1 No. Community Room  
 8 No. 1-Bed/2 Person Apartment  
 19 No. 2-Bed/3 Person Apartment  
**in total:  
 27No. Units & 1No. Community Room**

**Density: 40uph**

**Plot Ratio: 0.27**

**Site Coverage: 20%**

**Public open space = 1061.4 m<sup>2</sup> (15.7%)**  
**Communal open space= 2065 m<sup>2</sup> (30.5%)**


**33 No. Car park Spaces Provided, including:**  
 6 No. Visitors car park spaces,  
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REVISIONS AFTER LAST PLOT:	
24/06/22	Rev 01: New Site Access Location
14/10/22	Rev 02 - 33 car park spaces
24/01/23	Rev 03 - GF Layouts updated, minibus space added
25/01/23	Rev 04 - Revised Bin/Bicycle Storages

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Safety Audit Signed off  Design Team Leader


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Date 30-08-2023

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