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1 Introduction

Arup was appointed on behalf of a development consortium comprising Persimmon Homes, Taylor Wimpey and Barratt Homes to conduct this Stage 1 Road Safety Audit on highway improvements in connection with the Waterfront Barry development in Barry, Vale of Glamorgan.

The independent audit team, based in the Arup, Newcastle office issued their report on 10 March 2010.

This report represents the designer's response to the audit. For clarity, the report has been set out using the safety audit report as a base, with the Designer's response following each individual recommendation.

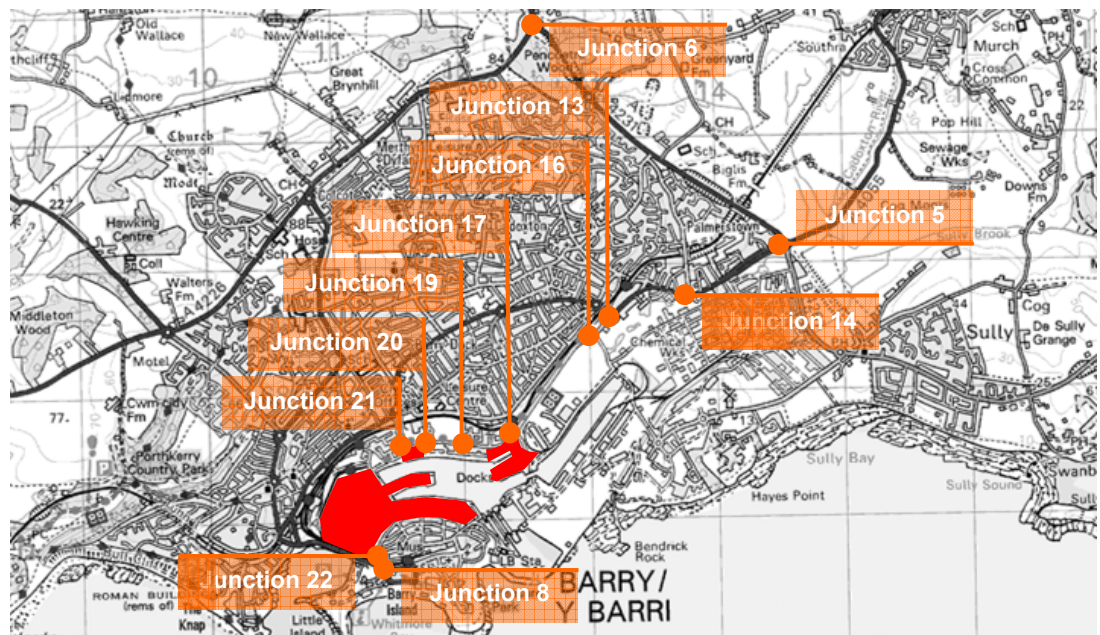
1.1 Site Description

The development area consists of a number of vacant sites situated around the former No.1 Dock in Barry, Vale of Glamorgan. The brownfield sites sit between Barry town centre and Barry Island. The dock area is reclaimed land and is largely flat rising as it meets Barry Island at the south side of the site.

The onsite works comprise a link road approximately 800 metres long around the western side of the docks. The link will connect Ffordd y Mileniwm on the north side to Paget Road in Barry Island. Three signalised junctions are proposed for the link road.

In addition to the main development site the audit also considers some eleven off-site junctions where improvement works are proposed as a result of the development proposals. These are:

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| 8 | Harbour Road / Station Approach / Paget Road |
| 22 | Paget Road / Plymouth Road |
| 21 | Gladstone Bridge / Ffordd y Mileniwm |
| 20 | Heol Ceiniog / Ffordd y Mileniwm |
| 19 | Y Rhodfa / Clos Tyniad Glo / Ffordd y Mileniwm |
| 17 | Cory Way / Ffordd y Mileniwm |
| 16 | Wimbourne Road / Ffordd y Mileniwm |
| 13 | Cardiff Road / Ffordd y Mileniwm |
| 14 | Cardiff Road / Palmerston Road |
| 5 | Sully Moors Road / Cardiff Road / A4231 Barry Docks Link Road |
| 6 | A4050 Port Road / A4231 Barry Docks Link Road |



1.2 Scheme Description

The Waterfront Barry scheme comprises largely residential development with a school and supermarket. The on-site highways link Ffordd y Mileniwm on the Barry Docks with Harbour Road on Barry Island by way of a new link road which will include three roundabout junctions and a number of priority junctions, all providing access to new developments.

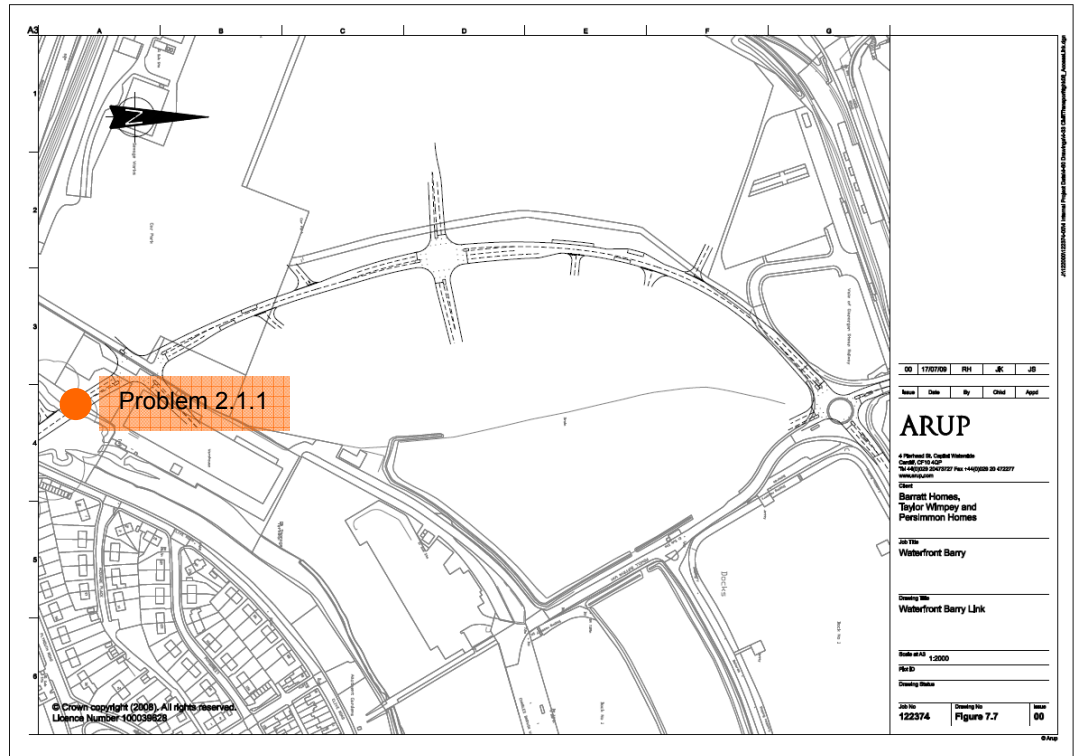
The off-site works comprise (at the time of the Audit):

- 8 Harbour Road / Station Approach / Paget Road
Conversion of mini-roundabout to traffic signals
- 22 Paget Road / Plymouth Road
Conversion of roundabout to traffic signals
- 21 Gladstone Bridge / Ffordd y Mileniwm
Enlargement of existing roundabout
- 20 Morrison's / Ffordd y Mileniwm
Enlargement of existing roundabout
- 19 Y Rhodfa / Clos Tyniad Glo / Ffordd y Mileniwm
Entry arm amendments at existing roundabout
- 17 Cory Way / Ffordd y Mileniwm
Entry arm amendments at existing roundabout
- 16 Wimbourne Road / Ffordd y Mileniwm
Conversion of priority junction to roundabout
- 13 Cardiff Road / Ffordd y Mileniwm
Enlargement and introduction of through traffic slip lane to existing roundabout
- 14 Cardiff Road / Palmerston Road
Introduction of additional lanes at existing traffic signals
- 5 Sully Moors Road / Cardiff Road / A4231 Barry Docks Link Road
Conversion of roundabout to traffic signals
- 6 A4050 Port Road / A4231 Barry Docks Link Road
Enlargement and introduction of three slip lanes to existing roundabout.

2 Issues Raised at Stage 1 Road Safety Audit On-site Highway Works

Listed south to north.

2.1 Waterfront Barry Link between Paget Road / Plymouth Road and West Pond / South Quay Junctions (TA Figure 7.7)



2.1.1 Problem

Location Waterfront Barry Link

Summary Steep grade

Description The Paget Road / Plymouth Road junction is significantly elevated above the existing dock area.



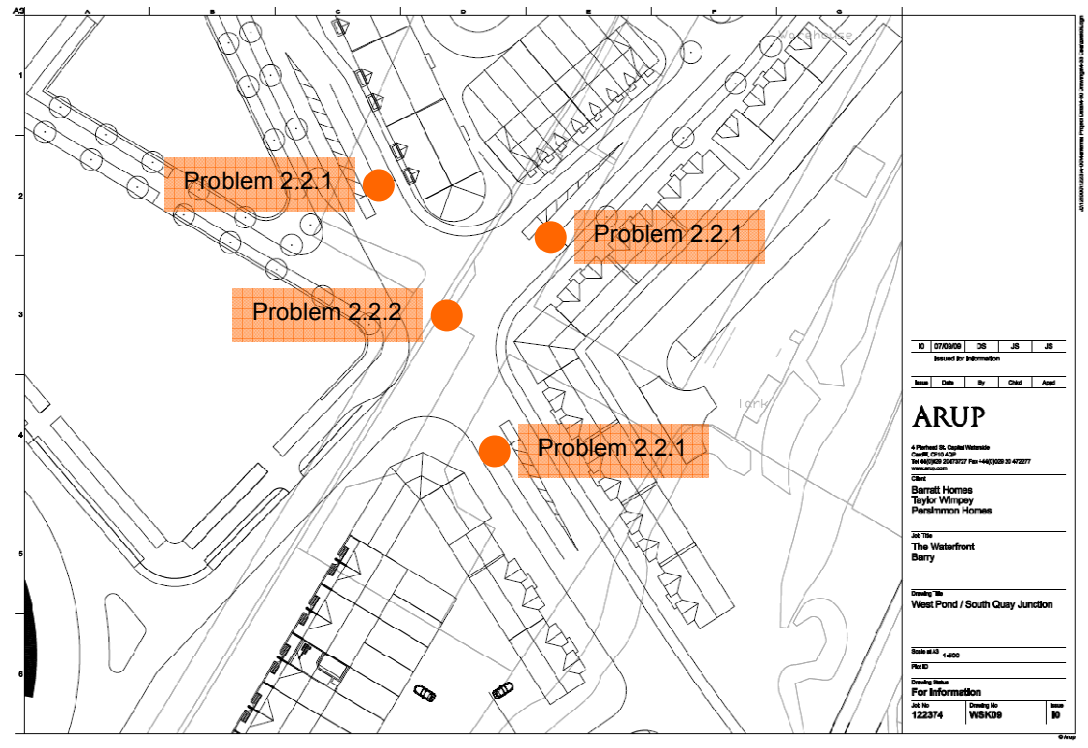
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Steep grades can limit large vehicle's speed leading to frustration and overtaking conflicts.

Recommendation Ensure the grade does not exceed 6% (Waterfront Barry Link will be a bus route), and that vertical curves do not restrict the forward visibility of junctions.

Designer's response Agreed. This will be dealt with in detailed design.

**2.2 Waterfront Barry Link / West Pond / South Quay Junction
 (TA Figure 7.7 Drawing WSK09)**



2.2.1 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Stop line set back

Description The stop lines at the proposed junction are set back a significant distance from the junction centre.

As a result there is a significant distance (approximately 60m) between opposing stop lines resulting in a large expanse of unmarked road surface. This is likely to result in large unused areas promoting the build up of detritus on the carriageway. In addition, some drivers may find the lack of direction here confusing leading to hesitancy.

Recommendation Reduce the size of the junction.

Designer's response Agreed. The position of the stop lines and traffic islands will be brought forward within the limits of the anticipated turning movements. However, consideration will also need to be given to pedestrian crossing movements, which may prevent significant alterations from being made. The design will, if possible, bring forward the traffic islands to include the pedestrian crossings and act as refuges.

2.2.2 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Junction arrangement

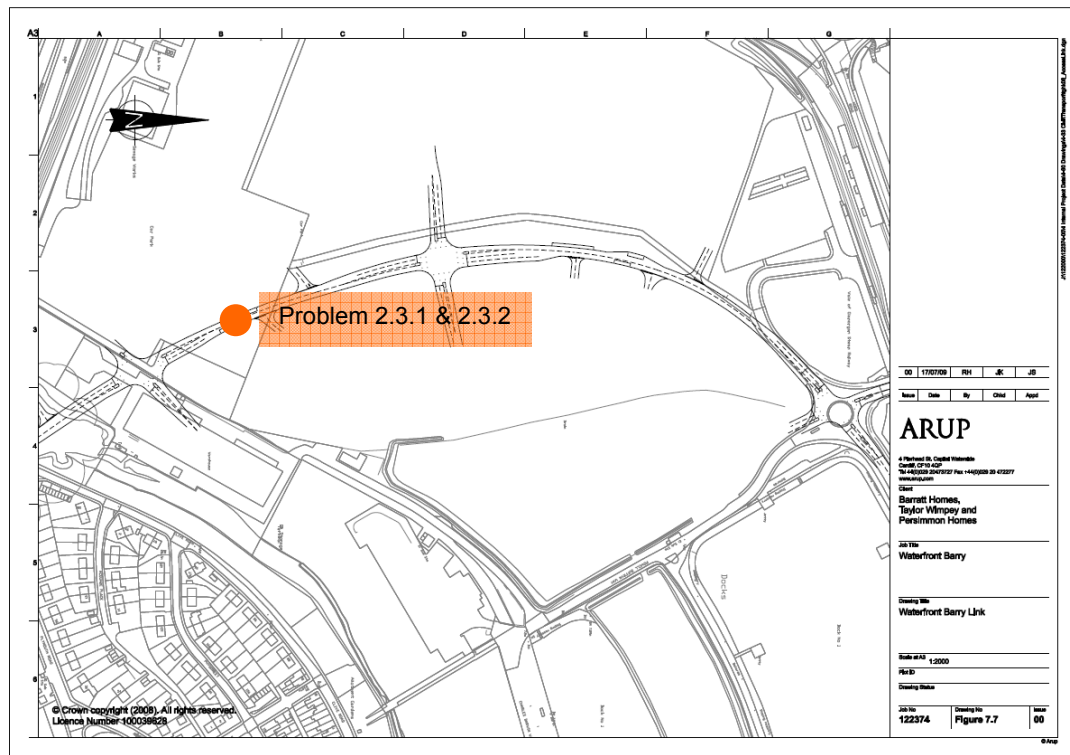
Description The junction layout is such that it promotes an offside right-turning arrangement.

An off-side right-turning (hooking) arrangement can result in blocking during peak periods which can lead to driver frustration and side swipe accidents if vehicles are poorly positioned.

Recommendation Provide additional road markings in the junction as appropriate to assist right turning drivers.

Designer's response Agreed. However, the crossing movements may need to remain on the off-side as a result of the overall development layout.

2.3 Waterfront Barry Link between West Pond / South Quay and West Pond / Supermarket junctions (TA Figure 7.7)



2.3.1 Problem

Location Waterfront Barry Link

Summary Bus stops close to a junction

Description The eastbound and westbound bus stops on the southern section of the Waterfront Barry Link are located in close proximity to priority accesses serving residential properties.

The position of the southbound bus stop is within the junction visibility splay, which is likely to result in turning conflicts, whilst the northbound bus stop is located within the junction.

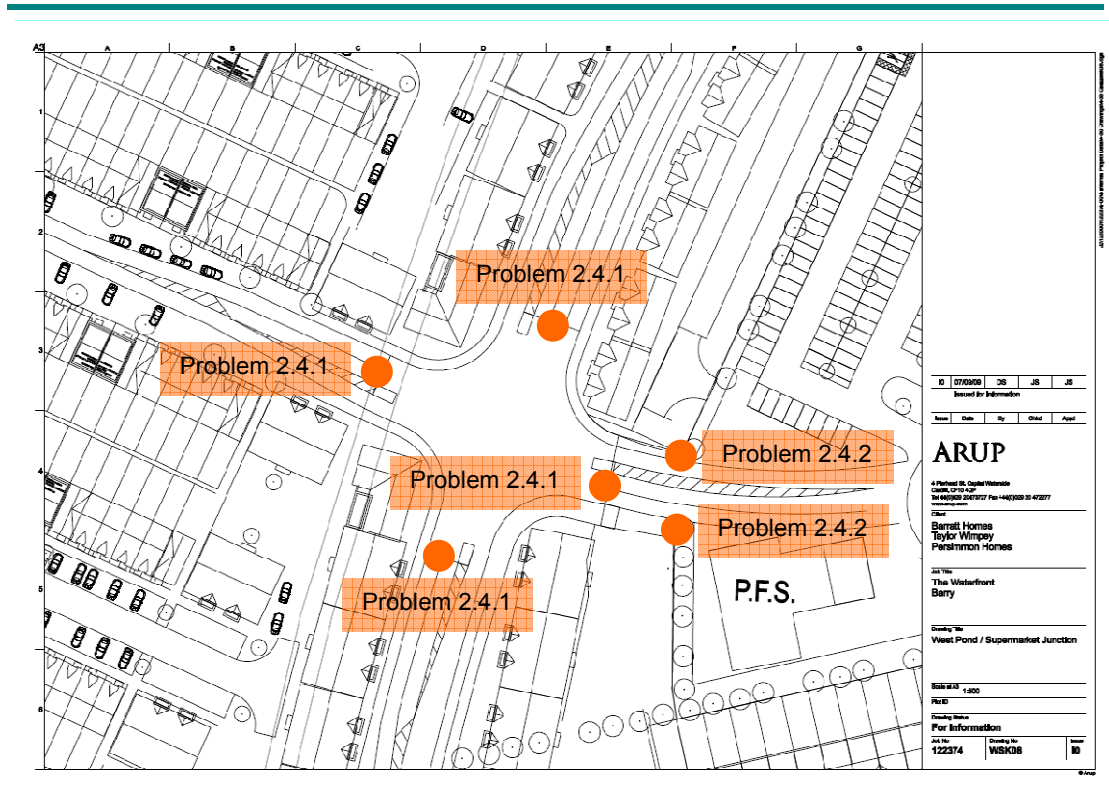
Recommendation Relocate the bus stops away from the junction.

Designer's response Agreed. These will be relocated if possible, but there are intermediate junctions which will limit the amount that the bus stops can be moved, and the locations will need to address the needs of passengers.

2.3.2 Problem

Location	Waterfront Barry Link
Summary	Spacing of bus stops
Description	The eastbound and westbound bus stops provided on this section of the link road are located approximately 25 metres apart. Insufficient space between bus stops can result in traffic congestion and passing conflicts.
Recommendation	Provide a minimum tail to tail offset of 40 metres to allow traffic to safely pass a stationary vehicle.
Designer's response	This will be checked during detailed design to assess whether this degree of separation between bus stops can be achieved.

**2.4 Waterfront Barry Link / West Pond / Supermarket
 (TA Figure 7.7 , Drawing WSK08)**



2.4.1 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Stop line set back
Description	The stop lines at the proposed junction are set back a significant distance from the junction centre. As a result there is a significant distance (approximately 50m) between opposing stop lines, resulting in a large expanse of unmarked road surface. This is likely to result in large unused areas promoting the build up of detritus on the carriageway. In addition, some drivers may find the lack of direction here confusing leading to hesitancy.
Recommendation	Reduce the size of the junction.

Designer's response Agreed. The position of the stop lines and traffic islands will be brought forward within the limits of the anticipated turning movements. However, consideration will also need to be given to pedestrian crossing movements, which may prevent significant alterations from being made. The design will, if possible, bring forward the traffic islands to include the pedestrian crossings and act as refuges.

2.4.2 Problem

Location Supermarket

Summary Footway continuity to supermarket

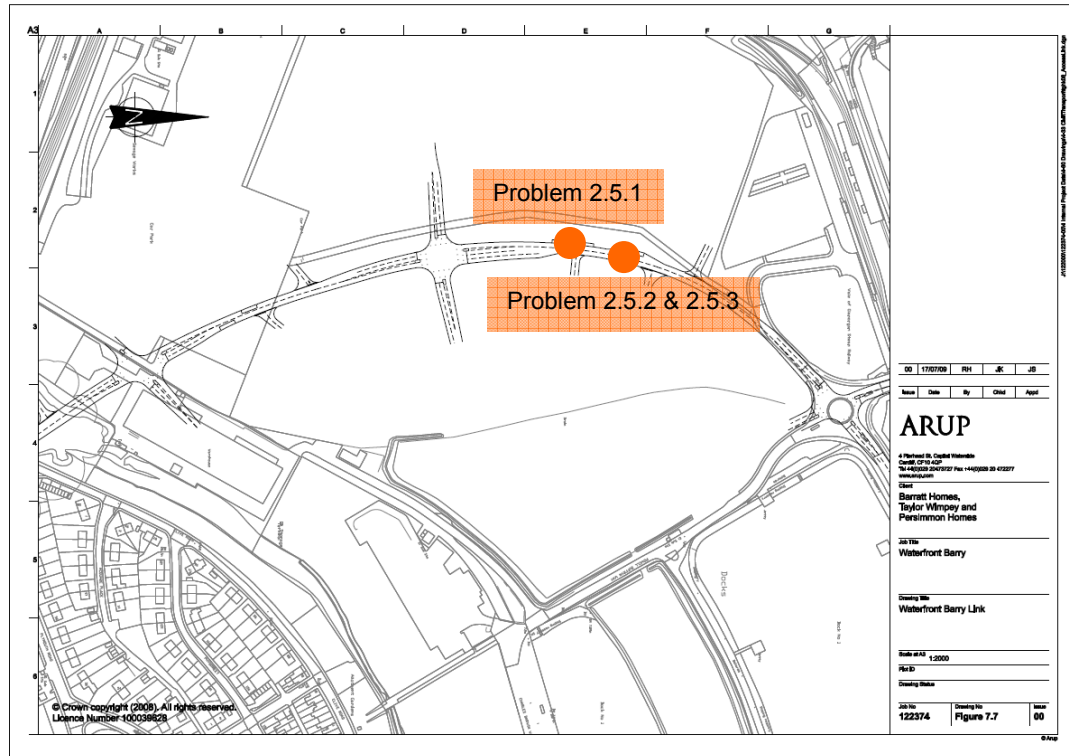
Description The proposals show footways on both side of the Supermarket access, however these stop after a short distance.

A lack of pedestrian access from the surrounding residential area will result in pedestrians either using the verge, risking slips and falls, or using the access road at the risk of a collision with a vehicle.

Recommendation Ensure adequate intuitive footway links are provided to the supermarket.

Designer's response We agree that this is required. However, the area within the supermarket site will be developed by the supermarket operator and is outside the control of the highways designer.

2.5 Waterfront Barry Link between West Pond / Supermarket West Pond Northern junctions (TA Figure 7.7)



2.5.1 Problem

Location	Waterfront Barry Link
Summary	Parking bays within a junction
Description	<p>There is a group of kerbside parking bays opposite the junction to service residential properties on the northern section of the Waterfront Barry Link.</p> <p>The parking bays on the northbound carriageway introduce an additional conflict within the junction.</p>
Recommendation	Relocate the parking area away from the junction.
Designer's response	Not agreed. The junction is a minor access into a development plot, and on-street parking is proposed as a traffic calming measure.

2.5.2 Problem

Location	Waterfront Barry Link
Summary	Bus stops close to a junction
Description	<p>The bus stops on the northern section of the Waterfront Barry Link are located in close proximity to two priority accesses serving residential properties and the supermarket service yard.</p> <p>The position of the southbound bus stop is within the junction visibility splay, which is likely to result in turning conflicts. Whilst the northbound bus lay-by introduces an additional conflict within the junction.</p>
Recommendation	Relocate the bus stops away from the junction.
Designer's response	Not agreed. Bus stops are required in this location to serve local needs.

2.5.3 Problem

Location Waterfront Barry Link

Summary Spacing of bus stops

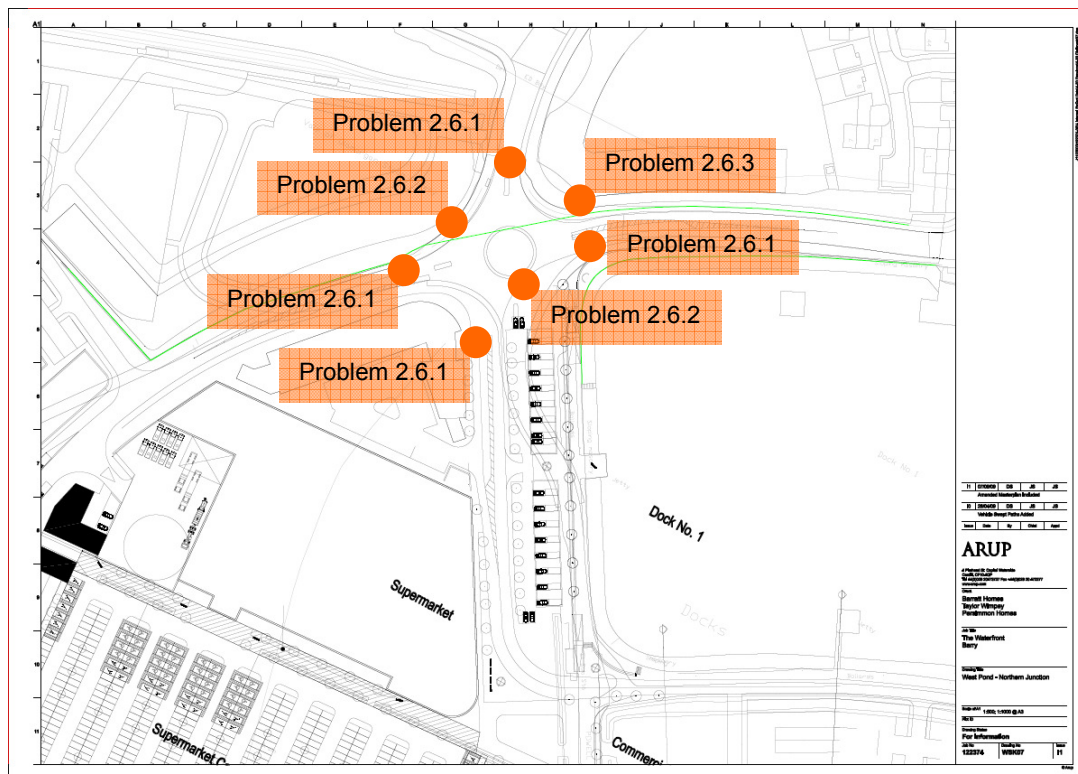
Description The bus stops provided on this section of the link road are located opposite one another, rather than tail to tail.

This is likely to result in a high risk pedestrian crossing path behind and between the buses, placing pedestrians at risk of conflict with passing traffic.

Recommendation Provide a minimum offset of 40 metres to allow traffic to safely pass a stationary vehicle.

Designer's response Not agreed. There is insufficient space to provide this degree of separation. As the northbound bus stop will be positioned within a lay-by, the degree of interaction between bus stops is minimised.

2.6 Waterfront Barry Link / West Pond Northern Junction (TA Figure 7.7 , Drawing WSK07)



2.6.1 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Stop line set back

Description The stop lines at the proposed junction are set back a significant distance from the junction centre.

As a result there is a significant distance (approximately 70m) between opposing stop lines, resulting in a large expanse of unmarked road surface. This is likely to result in large unused areas promoting the build up of detritus on the carriageway. In addition, some drivers may find the lack of direction here confusing leading to hesitancy.

Recommendation Reduce the size of the junction.

Designer's response Agreed. The position of the stop lines and traffic islands will be brought forward within the limits of the anticipated turning movements. However, consideration will also need to be given to pedestrian crossing movements, which may prevent significant alterations from being made. The design will, if possible, bring forward the traffic islands to include the pedestrian crossings and act as refuges.

2.6.2 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Sweeping kerb lines

Description The junction has been provided with sweeping radii particularly in the north western and south-eastern corners.

Sweeping radii can result in high entry speeds, leading to loss of control on the exit.

Recommendation Reduce the junction radii to reduce traffic speeds within the junction.

Designer's response Not agreed. The radii are commensurate with the required vehicle turning paths for a marina facility at the request of the local authority.

2.6.3 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Provision for cycles

Description It is not clear from the proposed arrangement how National Cycle Route 88, currently running alongside the existing junction is to be accommodated.



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Cyclists are particularly vulnerable to side swipes at junctions and could be struck while crossing at splitter islands not specifically designed to accommodate them.

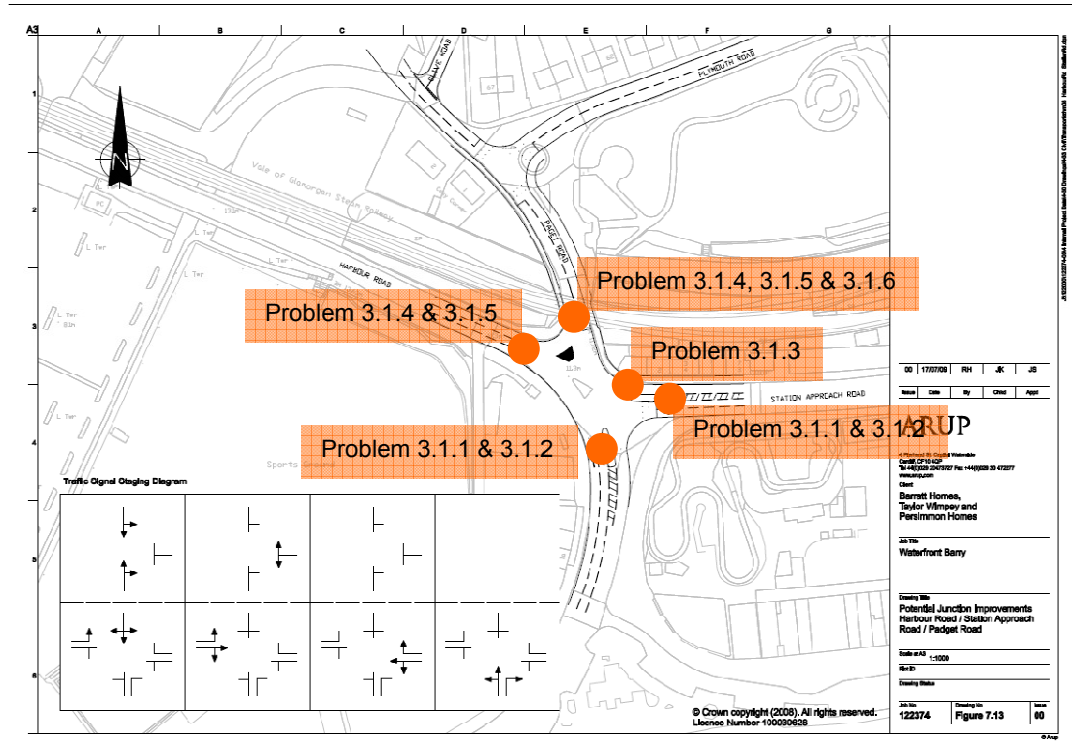
Recommendation Include measures to assist cycles at the junction.

Designer's response Agreed. This will be dealt with in detailed design.

3 Issues Raised at Stage 1 Road Safety Audit Off-site Highway Works

Listed South to North

3.1 Harbour Road / Station Approach / Paget Road (TA Junction 08 Figure 7.13)



3.1.1 Problem

Location Station Road Approach / Harbour Road (south)

Summary Staggered pedestrian crossings

Description The crossings proposed on the southern and eastern arms of the junction have right-left staggers.

The right-left stagger results in pedestrians approaching the second half of the crossing, facing away from oncoming traffic. This could result in a pedestrian continuing to cross, oblivious to oncoming traffic.

Recommendation Provide the crossings with a left-right stagger.

Designer's response The provision of left-right staggers will be investigated. However, this is likely to set back the proposed stop-lines at the junction, so reducing its efficiency.

3.1.2 Problem

Location Station Road Approach / Harbour Road (south)

Summary Limited pedestrian crossing opportunity

Description Due to the phasing of the junction, there will only be limited opportunity to cross the southern and eastern arms of the junction.

Limited crossing opportunities cause pedestrian frustration at busy times, such as the holiday season. As a result pedestrians will be likely to make crossing movements against the signals placing them at risk of injury.

Recommendation Consider an all red crossing arrangement of this junction.

Designer's response This will be considered during detailed design. And included providing that sufficient vehicle capacity can be achieved.

3.1.3 Problem

Location Station Road Approach

Summary Narrow exit lane

Description The exit arm on Station Approach has a narrow throat as a result of the proposed splitter island.

This is likely to result in overrunning of the splitter island, damage to street furniture and possibly injury to pedestrians.

Recommendation Assess the junction using AutoTrack to ensure there is adequate carriageway width for large vehicles.

Designer's response Agreed. The junction was originally sized using AutoTrack on the ordnance Survey background. Tthis will be re-checked against the topographical during detailed design and adjusted if necessary.

3.1.4 Problem

Location Harbour Road / Paget Road

Summary Limited pedestrian movement

Description Pedestrian crossing facilities are not proposed on the northern or western sides of the junction.

The lack of crossing facilities places pedestrians using the northern footway on Harbour Approach at risk of injury.

Recommendation Consider an all red crossing arrangement of this junction.

Designer's response This will be considered during detailed design. However, this will reduce the efficiency of the junction.

3.1.5 Problem

Location Paget Road approach

Summary Visibility of traffic signals under bridge

Description The Paget Road arm of the junction runs under a railway bridge in the immediate vicinity of the junction. As a result drivers will emerge from the shadow of the bridge as they meet the traffic signals.



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As a result the signals may be difficult to see, especially in bright or low winter sun conditions, leading to overrunning of the stop line.

- Recommendation** Provide backing boards on the traffic signal heads in order to maximise visibility.
- Designer's response** Agreed.

3.1.6 Problem

Location Left Turn from Harbour Road to Paget Road

Summary Narrow traffic lane for large vehicles

Description Paget Road is a bus route and buses currently struggle to turn from Harbour Road without encroaching on the southbound lane. The proposed kerb line will narrow the exit arm.

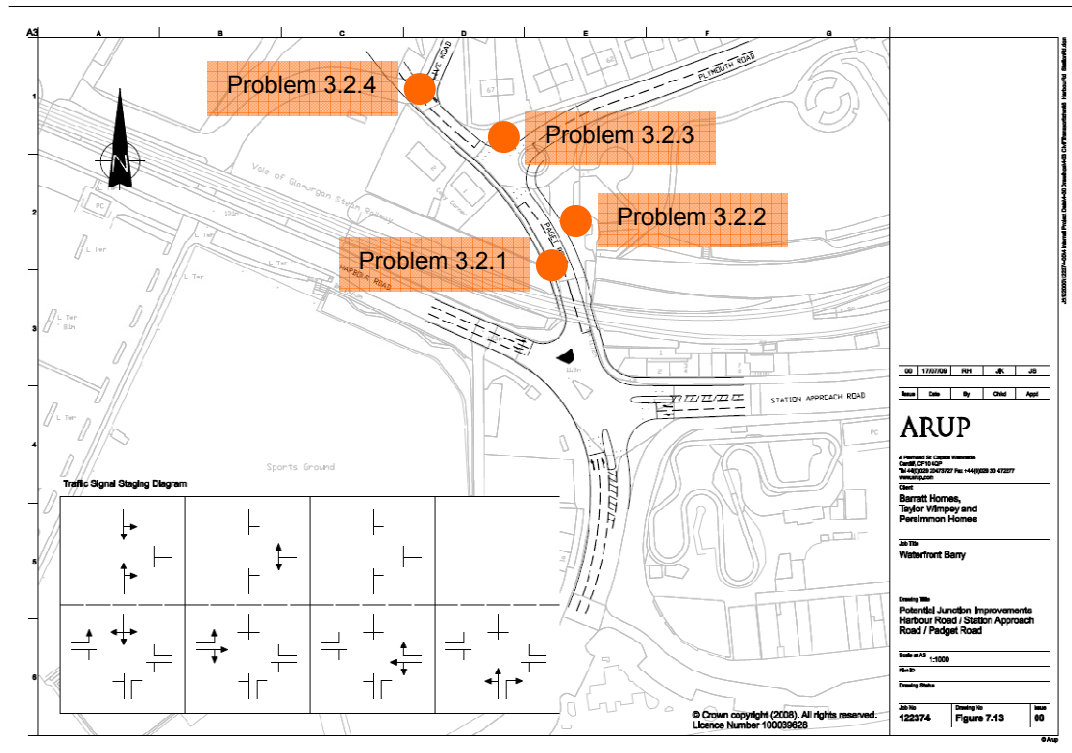


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This could result in sideswipe or even head on collisions on this arm of the junction.

- Recommendation** Ensure the lane markings provided on Paget Road can accommodate buses turning from Harbour Road.
- Designer's response** Agreed.

3.2 Paget Road / Plymouth Road (TA Junction 22 Figure 7.13)



3.2.1 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Direction signing

Description Road markings presently directing visitors to the car park are not shown on the proposed road layout.



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A lack of adequate direction signing could result in drivers entering the residential streets of Barry Island leading to unnecessary congestion and conflict.

Recommendation Provide appropriate traffic signing and/or road markings to guide visitors to the car park.

Designer's response Vehicular access to the existing car park is proposed elsewhere.

3.2.2 Problem

Location Paget Road

Summary Park access

Description The maintenance access to Maslin Park from Paget Road is not maintained in the proposed road layout.



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A failure to provide for existing accesses can result in damage to footways and unexpected pedestrian vehicle conflicts.

Recommendation Ensure adequate access is maintained for the park.

Designer's response Agreed

3.2.3 Problem

Location Plymouth Road

Summary Parking in junction

Description There are several properties set around the junction area where, despite parking restrictions, kerbside parking occurs. It is proposed to enlarge the footway in this area which may be attractive for parking.



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Parking on footways causes damage leading to trips and falls. Furthermore vehicles joining the carriageway within the controlled junction are unexpected and can present a danger to other drivers.

Recommendation Introduce deterrent measures to prevent footway parking around the junction.

Designer's response We agree this is a problem. However, this is an illegal activity and enforcement is not the responsibility of the developer.

3.2.4 Problem

Location Clive Road

Summary Steep grade

Description Clive Road has a steep grade, and the proposals introduce a priority junction at the foot of the grade.



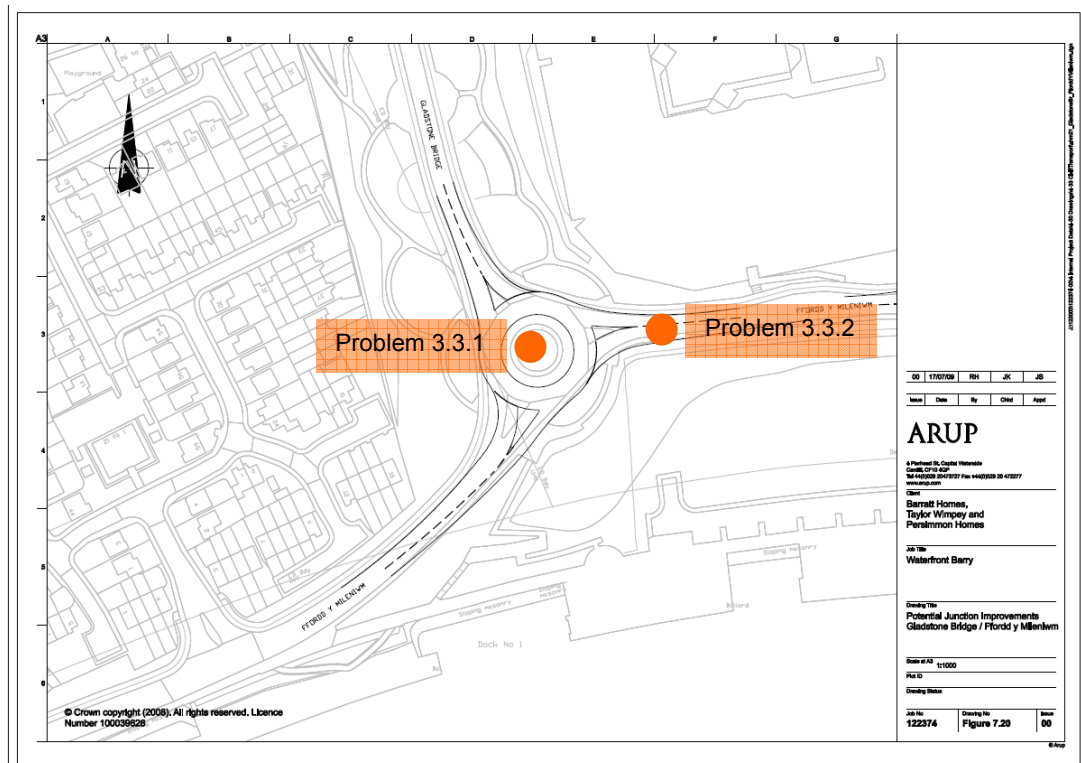
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Steep approaches lead to difficulty braking leading to over-running.

Recommendation Provide speed reduction measures and high friction surfacing on the Clive Road approach to the Waterfront Barry Link

Designer's response Agreed.

3.3 Gladstone Bridge / Ffordd y Mileniwm (TA Junction 21, Figure 7.20)



3.3.1 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Heavily landscaped circulatory island

Description There is an excessive amount of vegetation and hard landscaping on the circulatory island of the roundabout



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Excessive landscaping blocks visibility for all road users, especially pedestrians who cannot see approaching vehicles, whilst hard landscaping can present a hazard for errant vehicles.

Recommendation Remove the vegetation and hard landscaping.

Designer's response The excess vegetation can be removed with the agreement of the Planning and Highway Authorities. As the roundabout is altered, anew planting regime will need to be established.

3.3.2 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm (east)

Summary Inadequate entry deflection

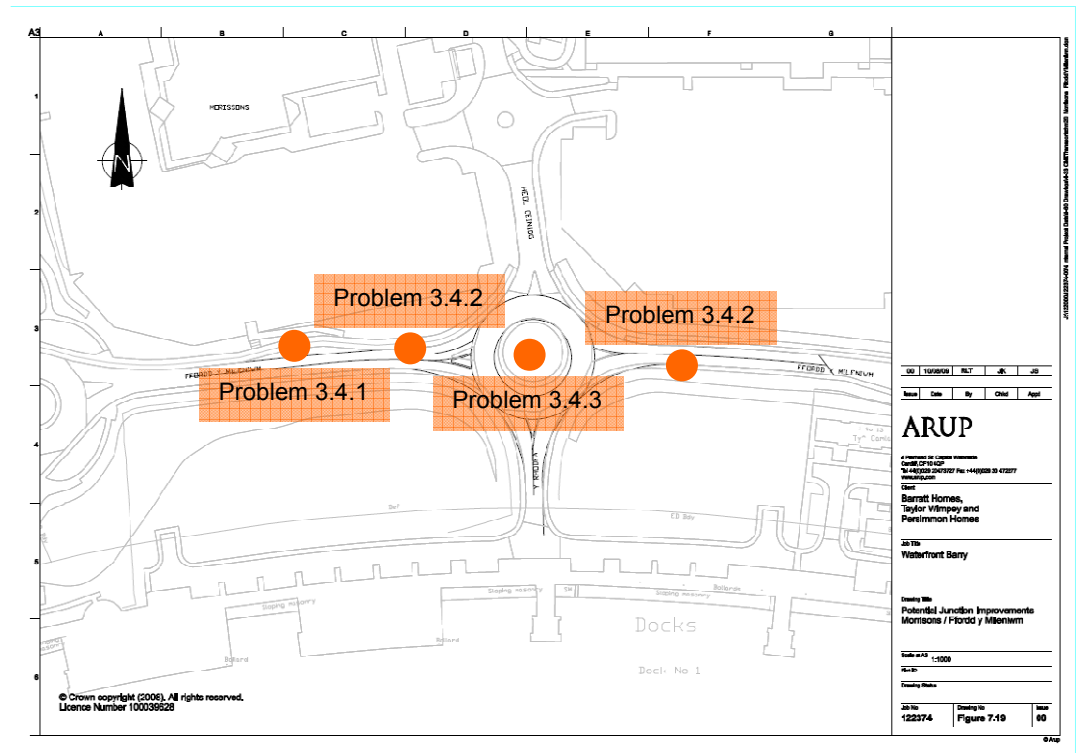
Description The proposed alteration to the junction layout results in an increase in the deflection radius of in the westbound approach of Ffordd y Mileniwm.

Insufficient entry deflection can lead to inappropriate entry speed into and around the junction, resulting in overrunning of the give-way lines, conflicts within the circulatory carriageway, and loss of control accidents, especially on the exit arms.

Recommendation Alter the junction layout in order to provide sufficient entry deflection.

Designer's response Not agreed. Although there is a small increase in the approach radius, this has been checked and the radius is still less than 100m. This is within standards for the roundabout.

3.4 Heol Ceiniog / Ffordd y Mileniwm (TA Junction 20, Figure 7.19)



3.4.1 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm

Summary Bus Stop

Description The proposals appear to show the removal of the existing bus stop lay-by on the north side of Ffordd y Mileniwm, adjacent to Morrison's supermarket.



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This bus stop appears well used and removal of the bay would result in an obstruction to traffic, leading to overtaking conflicts on this busy stretch of road.

Recommendation Retain the bus stop bay on Ffordd y Mileniwm.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.4.2 Problem

Location	Ffordd y Mileniwm
Summary	Inadequate entry deflection
Description	<p>The proposed alteration to the junction layout results in an increase in the deflection radius on the approaches to the junction, particularly Ffordd y Mileniwm</p> <p>Insufficient entry deflection can lead to inappropriate entry speed into and around the junction, resulting in overrunning of the give-way lines, conflicts within the circulatory carriageway, and loss of control accidents, especially on the exit arms.</p>
Recommendation	Alter the junction layout in order to provide sufficient entry deflection.
Designer's response	There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.4.3 Problem

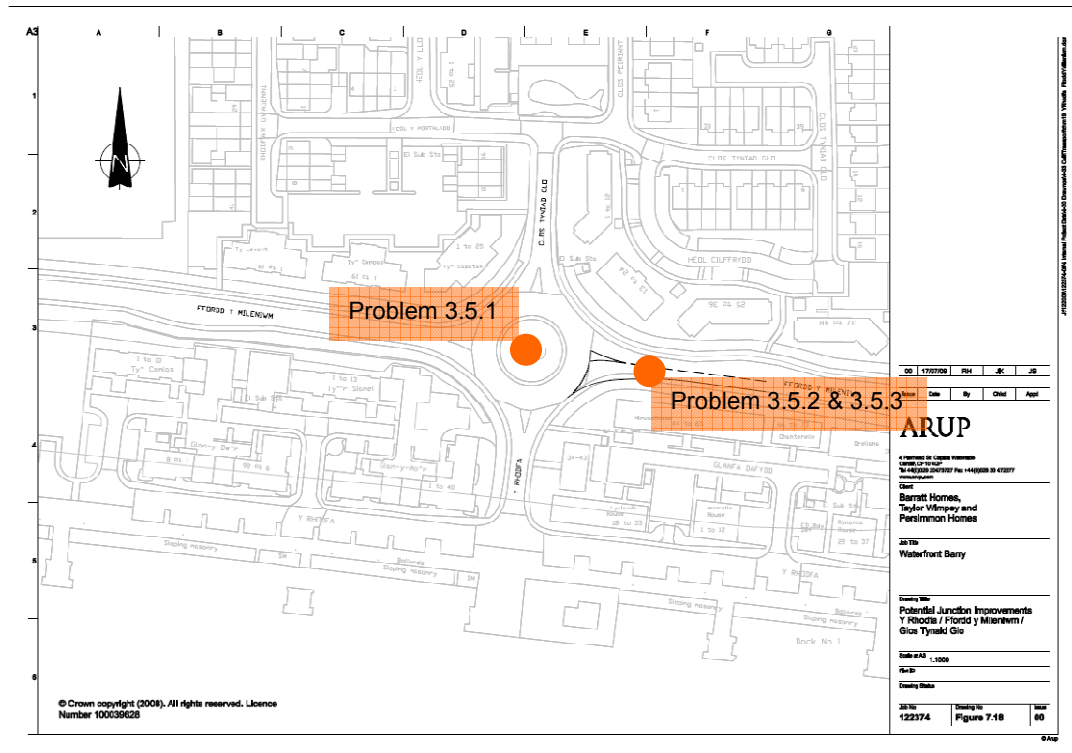
Location	Junction
Summary	Heavily landscaped circulatory island
Description	There is an excessive amount of vegetation and hard landscaping on the circulatory island of the roundabout



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Description	Excessive landscaping blocks visibility for all road users, especially pedestrians who cannot see approaching vehicles, whilst hard landscaping can present a hazard for errant vehicles.
Recommendation	Remove the vegetation and hard landscaping from the roundabout
Designer's response	There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.5 Y Rhodfa / Clos Tyniad Glo / Ffordd y Mileniwm (TA Junction 19, Figure 7.18)



3.5.1 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Heavily landscaped circulatory island

Description There is an excessive amount of vegetation and hard landscaping on the circulatory island of the roundabout.



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Excessive landscaping blocks visibility for all road users, especially pedestrians who cannot see approaching vehicles, whilst hard landscaping can present a hazard for errant vehicles.

Recommendation Remove the vegetation and hard landscaping from the roundabout

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.5.2 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm (east)

Summary Increased forward visibility

Description The widening of the road to the south on the approach to the junction will increase forward visibility.



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An increase in forward visibility is likely to result in higher vehicle entry speeds leading to conflicts within the circulatory carriageway, and loss of control accidents, especially on the exit arms.

Recommendation Review the junction layout to ensure sufficient entry deflection is provided to minimise entry speeds.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.5.3 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm (east)

Summary Inadequate entry deflection

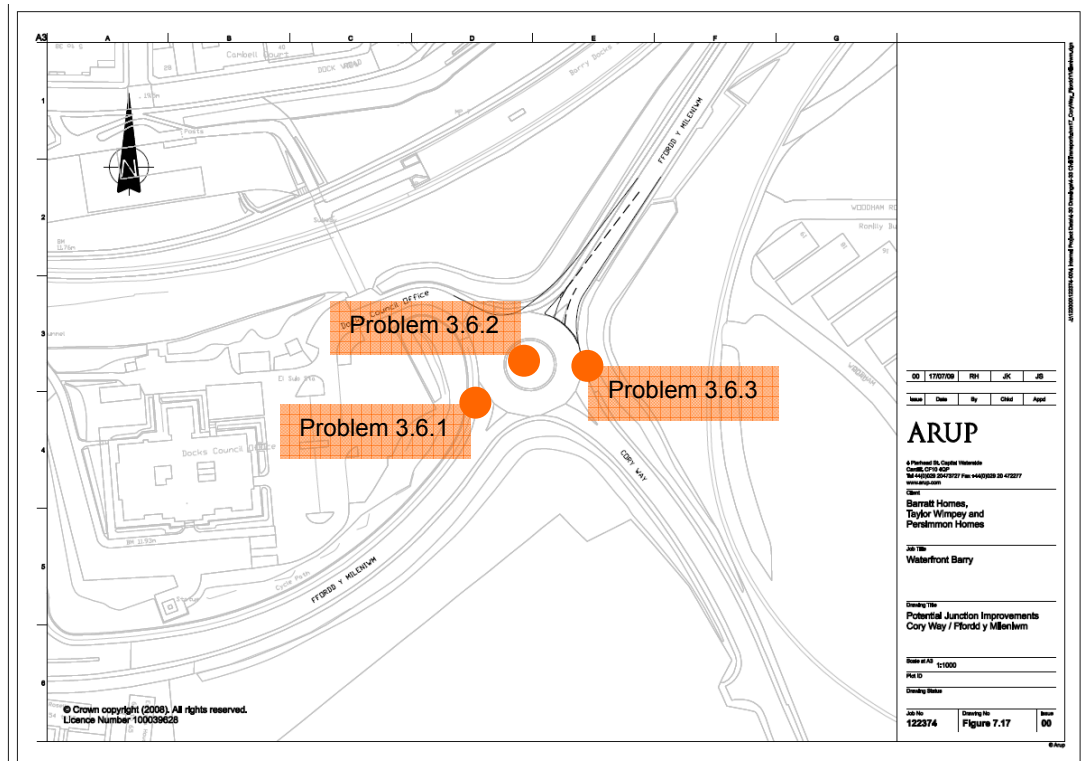
Description The proposed alteration to the junction layout results in an increase in the deflection radius from westbound Ffordd y Mileniwm.

Insufficient entry deflection can lead to inappropriate entry speed into and around the junction, resulting in overrunning of the give-way lines, conflicts within the circulatory carriageway, and loss of control accidents, especially on the exit arms

Recommendation Alter the junction layout in order to provide sufficient entry deflection.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.6 Cory Way / Ffordd y Mileniwm (TA Junction 17, Figure 7.17)



3.6.1 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm (northeast)

Summary Inadequate entry deflection

Description The proposed alteration to the junction layout results in an increase in the deflection radius for northeast bound traffic.

Insufficient entry deflection can lead to inappropriate entry speed into and around the junction, resulting in overrunning of the give-way lines, conflicts within the circulatory carriageway, and loss of control accidents, especially on the exit arms.

Recommendation Alter the junction layout in order to provide sufficient entry deflection.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.6.2 Problem

Location Junction

Summary Heavily landscaped circulatory island

Description There is an excessive amount of vegetation on the circulatory island of the roundabout



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Excessive landscaping blocks visibility for all road users, especially pedestrians who cannot see approaching vehicles.

Recommendation Remove the vegetation.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.6.3 Problem

Location Cory Way

Summary Missing footway link

Description There is no footway around the eastern side of the junction, between the north side of Ffordd y Mileniwm to the east side of Cory Way.



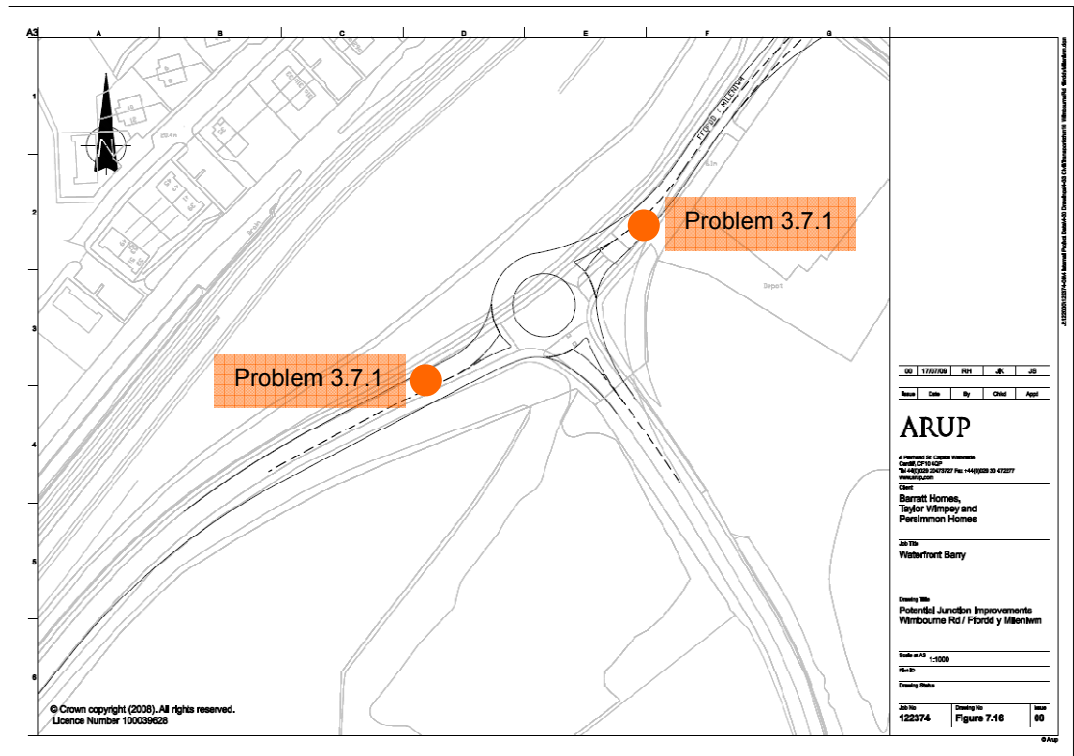
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Cory Way will provide the principal access to the East Quay development area, a predominantly residential development. This is likely to significantly increase pedestrian movements at the junction. Insufficient pedestrian facilities are likely to lead to inappropriate crossing movements resulting in pedestrian vehicle conflicts.

Recommendation Extend the footway on the eastern side of Cory Way to Ffordd y Mileniwm and provide an appropriate pedestrian crossing point on Ffordd y Mileniwm.

Designer's response Not agreed. There are no works now proposed to this junction. In addition, there is an adequate pedestrian crossing facility over Ffordd-y-Mileniwm on the west side of the roundabout which is considered to correctly reflect the probable pedestrian desire line.

3.7 Wimbourne Road / Ffordd y Mileniwm (TA Junction 16, Figure 7.16)



3.7.1 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm

Summary High approach speeds

Description The Ffordd y Mileniwm / Wimbourne Road junction is located on a grade 150m inside a 40 mph speed limit.



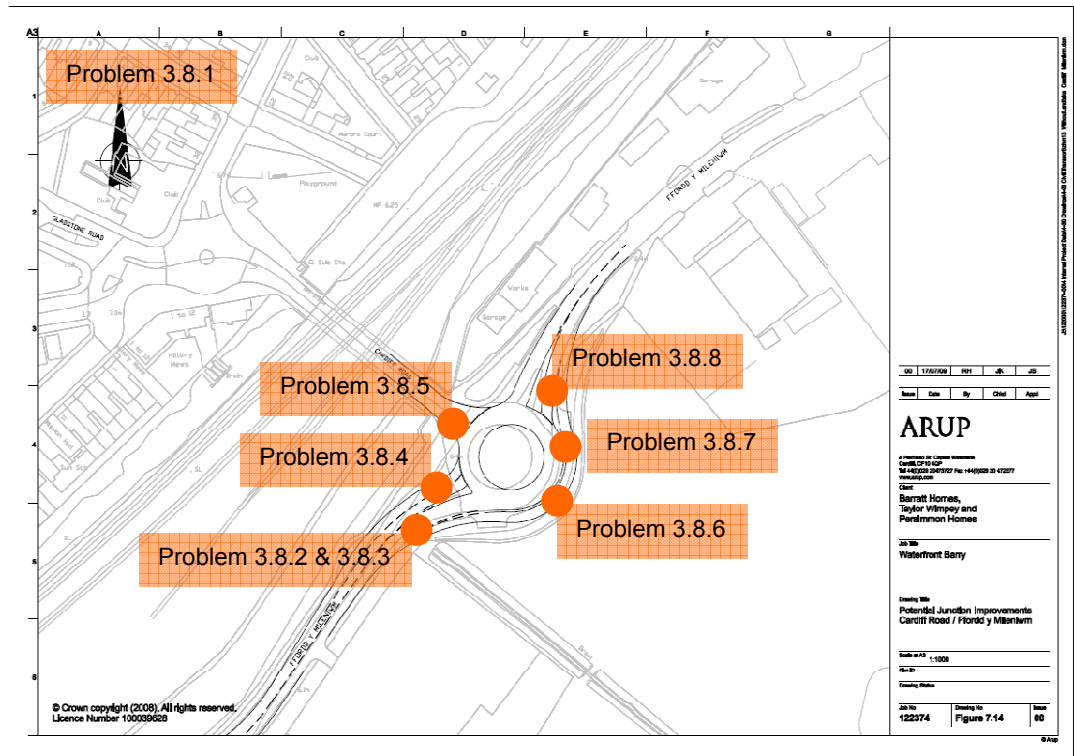
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The junction location is likely to result in high approach speeds on Ffordd y Mileniwm, especially northeast bound traffic. This could lead to over-running the give-way line.

Recommendation Extend the 30 mph speed limit to the west of the junction and introduce speed reducing measures on Ffordd y Mileniwm on the approaches to the junction.

Designer's response Agreed.

3.8 Cardiff Road / Ffordd y Mileniwm (TA Junction 13, Figure 7.14)



3.8.1 Problem

Location

Ffordd y Mileniwm

Summary

Narrow lanes

Description

A number of the traffic lanes proposed at the junction are narrow (less than 3.0 metres).

Narrow lanes are likely to result in side swipe type accidents, especially on twisting alignments.

Recommendation

Provide consistent lane widths, able to accommodate all types of traffic.

Designer's response

There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.2 Problem

Location

Ffordd y Mileniwm (southwest)

Summary

Priority at merge

Description

It is not clear from the proposals as to which traffic stream will have priority at the downstream merge of the south west bound slip lane and Ffordd y Mileniwm.

Lack of clear priority at the merge is likely to result in sideswipe accidents, and late braking conflicts.

Recommendation

Provide appropriate road markings at the merge.

Designer's response

There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.3 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm (southwest)

Summary Crossing at merge

Description The proposed slip lane merge would occur coincident with an existing pedestrian crossing point to the southwest of the junction.



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Pedestrians crossing in the merge area will be at significant risk from collision with vehicles, as well as facing two streams of traffic, pedestrians will also face drivers who will be concentrating on their merge manoeuvre, rather than the presence of pedestrians.

Recommendation Relocate the pedestrian route away from the merge.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.4 Problem

Location Ffordd y Mileniwm (southwest)

Summary Inadequate entry deflection

Description The proposed alteration to the junction layout results in an increase in the radius of deflection for traffic approaching on Ffordd y Mileniwm

Insufficient entry deflection can lead to inappropriate entry speed into and around the junction, resulting in overrunning of the give-way lines, conflicts within the circulatory carriageway, and loss of control accidents, especially on the exit arms.

Recommendation Alter the junction layout in order to provide sufficient entry deflection.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.5 Problem

Location Cardiff Road

Summary Narrow exit lane

Description The exit lane from the roundabout to Cardiff Road is situated immediately after the Ffordd y Mileniwm entry arm. The location of the splitter island results in a narrow exit lane.



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Narrow exit lanes can result in overrunning by larger vehicles placing pedestrians on the footway at risk of collision, particularly for left turning vehicles from Ffordd y Mileniwm.

- Recommendation** Ensure the exit lane can accommodate all types of traffic.
- Designer's response** There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.6 Problem

- Location** Junction
- Summary** Site access from junction
- Description** Welsh Water has a permanent access to the land to the southwest of the junction.



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Maintaining the access from the slip lane is likely to result in turning conflicts and shunt type accidents, as traffic on the slip lane will not expect to have to slow until the merge. In addition access traffic would be limited to left in left out, leading to inappropriate u-turns in the vicinity of the junction.

- Recommendation** Provide an alternative access for utilities.
- Designer's response** There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.7 Problem

- Location** Slip lane
- Summary** Tight radii
- Description** The south westbound slip lane proposed for the roundabout is excessively bendy with a 3.5 metre lane

Narrow bends result in over running, especially larger vehicles which require additional width in tight bends for their trailing axles. Over running of the kerbs can present a danger to pedestrians, and in extreme circumstances can result in overturning.

- Recommendation** Provide appropriate lane widening on tight radii to accommodate larger vehicles.

- Designer's response** There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.8.8 Problem

- Location** Ffordd y Mileniwm (northeast)
- Summary** Crossing on slip lane
- Description** The proposed slip lane crosses an existing pedestrian crossing point immediately west of the southwestbound diverge point.



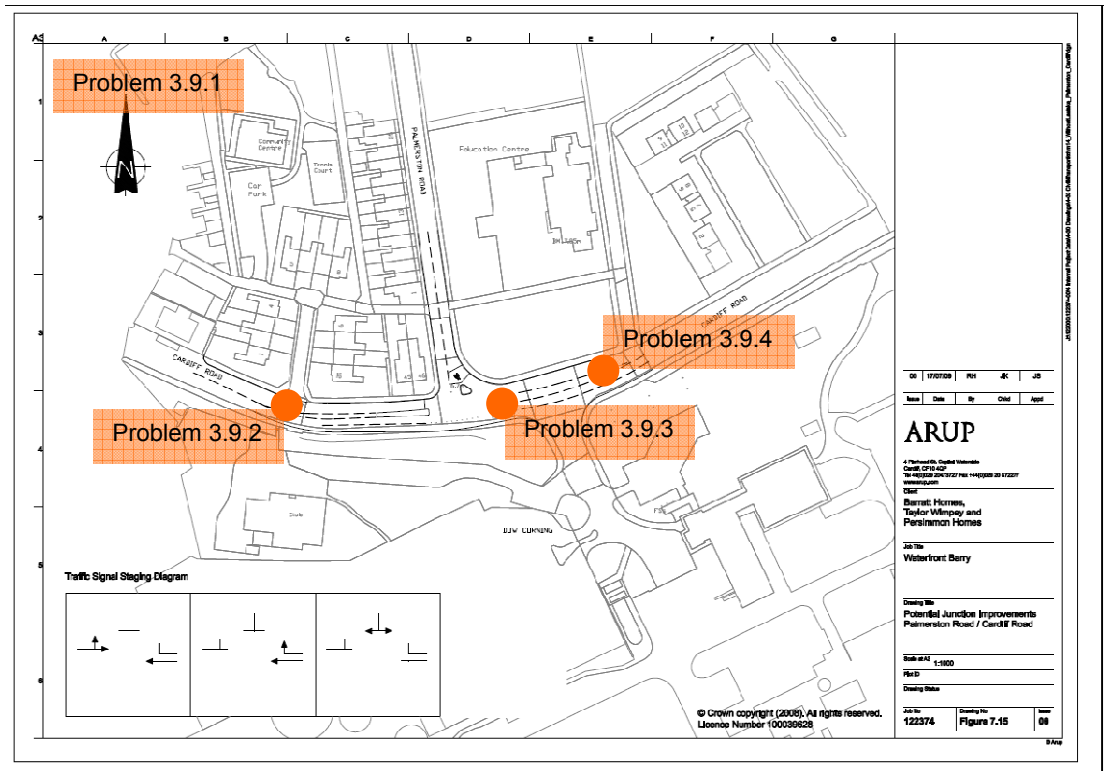
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The crossing point is situated immediately after the diverge of the slip lane and as a result pedestrians will have to cross two distinct traffic streams placing themselves at greater risk.

Recommendation Ensure there is an appropriately sized refuge between the traffic streams at the crossing, and that pedestrians are aware of the road layout.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.9 Cardiff Road / Palmerston Road (TA Junction 14, Figure 7.15)



3.9.1 Problem

Location Cardiff Road

Summary Provision for cycles

Description The proposed junction omits the existing advanced cycle stop lines provided on Cardiff Road at the junction, which is located on National Cycle Route 88.



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Cyclists are particularly vulnerable to side swipes at junctions and could be struck while crossing at splitter islands not specifically designed to accommodate them.

Recommendation Replace the cycle stop lines.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.9.2 Problem

Location Edmund Place

Summary Conflict between turning and merging vehicles

Description Edmund Place on the north side of the Cardiff Road is located such that vehicles waiting to turn right into the road would have to wait within the westbound exit merge.



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Vehicles waiting in the merge area are at risk of rear end shunt from drivers concentrating on the merge manoeuvre.

Recommendation Alter the proposed road layout in order to provide a right turning pocket for Edmund Place.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.9.3 Problem

Location Cardiff Road

Summary Incorrect road marking

Description The nearside westbound lane of Cardiff Road is incorrectly shown with a 'straight on and left' arrow at the junction with Palmerston Road. Incorrect road markings can cause confusion leading to unnecessary lane changing and sideswipe and late braking accidents.

Recommendation Provide a straight on arrow in the nearside lane.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.9.4 Problem

Location Cardiff Road

Summary Provision for pedestrians

Description The proposed junction affects the removal of the existing refuge on Cardiff Road to the east of the junction. No pedestrian facilities are proposed at the revised junction.



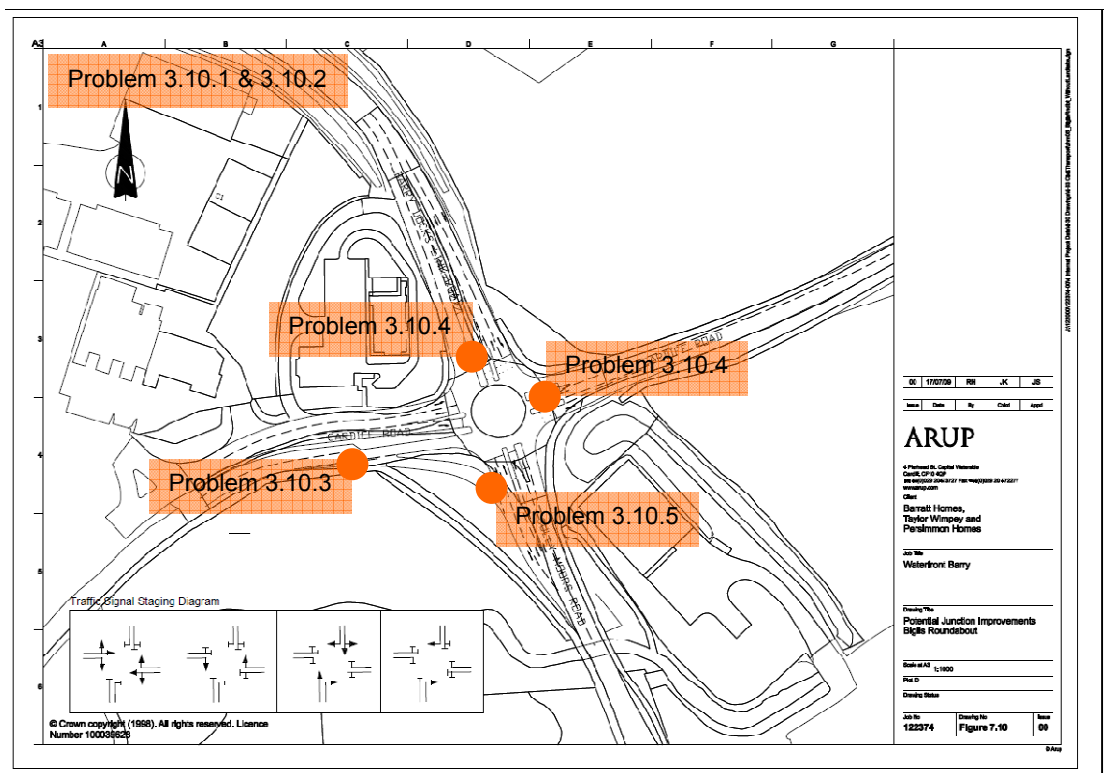
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The removal of the pedestrian refuge will be a disbenefit for pedestrians crossing Cardiff Road, increasing the risk of pedestrian conflicts.

Recommendation Provide pedestrian facilities at the junction.

Designer's response There are no works now proposed to this junction.

3.10 Sully Moors Road / Cardiff Road / A4231 Barry Docks Link Road (TA Junction 5, Figure 7.10)



3.10.1 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Provision for cycles
Description	<p>The proposed junction makes no provision for cyclists but it is located on National Cycle Route 88.</p> <p>Cyclists are particularly vulnerable to side swipes at junctions and could be struck while crossing at splitter islands not specifically designed to accommodate them.</p>
Recommendation	Include measures to assist cycles at the junction.
Designer's response	There are now no works proposed at this junction.

3.10.2 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Inadequate space for turning manoeuvres
Description	<p>It would appear from the junction layout that larger vehicles turning at the junction will foul the proposed splitter island positions.</p> <p>Insufficient turning space at junctions can result in damage to vehicles and street furniture including traffic signals, or could result in drivers reversing within the junction to complete their turning manoeuvres placing other road users at risk.</p>
Recommendation	Undertake an AutoTrack assessment of the junction to ensure all turning manoeuvres are possible by larger vehicles.
Designer's response	There are now no works proposed at this junction.

3.10.3 Problem

Location	Cardiff Road (west)
Summary	Relocation of bus stop
Description	The proposed Left Turn Slip Lane (LTSL) from Sully Moors Road to Cardiff Road would require the relocation of the existing bus stop on Cardiff Road.



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Recommendation	Repositioning the bus stop in the vicinity of the merge could result in rear end shunts by drivers concentrating on the merge manoeuvre.
Designer's response	Ensure the bus stop is relocated so as to avoid undue influence on the LTSL merge.
Designer's response	There are now no works proposed at this junction.

3.10.4 Problem

Location Barry Docks Link Road and Cardiff Road (east)

Summary Staggered pedestrian crossings

Description The proposals show right-left staggered pedestrian crossings on the northern and eastern arms of the junction.

The right-left stagger results in pedestrians approaching the second half of the crossing, facing away from oncoming traffic. This could result in a pedestrian continuing to cross, oblivious to oncoming traffic.

Recommendation Provide the crossings with a left-right stagger.

Designer's response There are now no works proposed at this junction.

3.10.5 Problem

Location Sully Moor Road

Summary Access to Left Turn Slip Lane (LTSL)

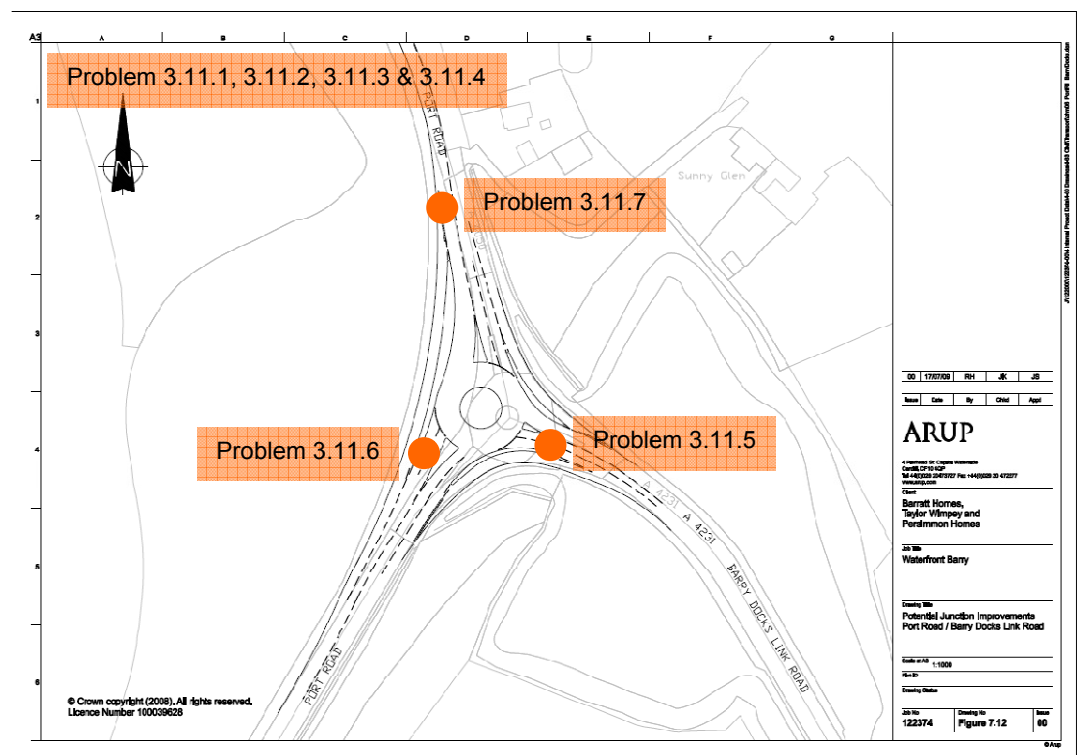
Description The LTSL from Sully Moors Road to Cardiff Road diverges close to the stop line.

The proposed diverge location provides limited storage for traffic moving ahead before the LTSL becomes blocked, limiting its effectiveness, leading to driver frustration which could lead to vehicles using the verge to access the lane placing pedestrians and other road users at risk.

Recommendation Lengthen the LTSL from Sully Moors Road allowing traffic to diverge earlier, reducing queuing and driver frustration on this approach.

Designer's response There are now no works proposed at this junction.

3.11 A4050 Port Road / A4231 Barry Docks Link Road (TA Junction 6, Figure 7.12)



3.11.1 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Poor lane development
Description	<p>It is not immediately clear from the proposal how the multiple lane approaches for the roundabout or the slip lanes are developed from the single lane approaches.</p> <p>Multiple lane development from a single lane approach can be confusing for drivers leading to late lane changing resulting in side swipes and rear end shunts due to late braking.</p>
Recommendation	Ensure lane development at each arm of the junction is clear and consistent to avoid confusion and reduce late lane changing on the approaches to the roundabout.
Designer's response	Agreed. The roundabout has been altered since the audit, but this issue will be dealt with during detailed design.

3.11.2 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Insufficient lane width.
Description	<p>A number of the lanes shown in the proposed scheme appear to be narrow.</p> <p>Insufficient lane width at junctions can lead to side swipe accidents</p>
Recommendation	Ensure adequate lane width is available where multiple lanes are marked on the carriageway.
Designer's response	Agreed.

3.11.3 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Meandering entry alignment
Description	<p>The development of two lane entries, and Left turn Slip Lanes from single approach lanes on all arms of the junction result in compound and reverse curves on the immediate approaches to the junction.</p> <p>Curving alignments in braking zones are likely to result in loss of control under braking especially when the road surface is wet or icy.</p>
Recommendation	Smooth the entry alignments.
Designer's response	The revised layout has addressed this problem.

3.11.4 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Poor visibility at merges
Description	<p>The proposed merges for the Left Turn Slip Lanes (LTSL) are short with a very acute angle. The location of the junction on a crest may result in additional visibility issues as a result of the vertical alignment.</p> <p>Inadequate visibility or a poor viewing angle at a merge will lead to side swipe accidents, or late braking leading to rear end shunts</p>
Recommendation	Ensure adequate visibility is available at the LTSL merges. In addition, either the approach angle for the merge should be increased, or the appropriate parallel merge length provided.
Designer's response	Agreed.

3.11.5 Problem

Location	Junction
Summary	Poor forward visibility of junction
Description	Moving the junction to the west will reduce forward visibility of junction over the crest from A4231 Barry Docks Link Road.



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Description	<p>Poor forward visibility of the roundabout is likely to lead to overshoot accidents at the circulatory carriageway, or rear end shunts on the approach due to late braking.</p>
Recommendation	Ensure adequate forward visibility can be maintained throughout the junction.
Designer's response	Agreed.

3.11.6 Problem

Location	Port Road (south)
Summary	Insufficient entry deflection
Description	<p>The relocation of the central island of the roundabout results in the removal of the entry deflection on the Port Road approach for northbound traffic.</p> <p>Insufficient entry deflection is likely to result in high entry speeds and corresponding overshoot incidents on the circulatory carriageway.</p>
Recommendation	Introduce sufficient entry deflection for all arms of the junction.
Designer's response	The revised layout addresses this problem.

3.11.7 Problem

Location	Port Road (north)
Summary	Meandering exit alignment
Description	<p>The proposed realignment results in a left-right-left alignment on the exit from the roundabout.</p> <p>The reverse curve is likely to lead to loss of control accidents on the exit from the roundabout.</p>
Recommendation	Smooth the exit alignment.
Designer's response	Agreed.