Design Standards for Industrial Roads
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Introduction

Although the general principles and advice given elsewhere in National Guidance apply equally to Industrial Roads the layout of these roads has a different emphasis from that of Residential Roads. In order to cater for the larger and heavier vehicles the roads need to be of greater width and strength. The Design Standards to cater for this traffic are set out in this guidance.

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Industrial Road Categories

Industrial Estate Roads have been categorised as follows:

- Major Industrial Roads (Major IR)
- Minor Industrial Roads (Minor IR)

In general only cul-de-sac of less than 200m in length should be considered as Minor Industrial Roads, with all others being Major Industrial Roads. It is not essential to use both categories in any one development.

Details of Design

These are summarised in Table 1. These should be read in conjunction with the following notes:

- Forward Visibility is measured on the centre line of the carriageway (see also Visibility Splays)

- On Major Industrial Roads where the gradient is greater than 6% (1 in 16.7) an increased carriageway width may be required. (see also Gradients)

- Footways must be provided on both sides of the carriageway; the width of 2m may need to be increased to 3m in certain cases to cater for heavier pedestrian flows and shared cycle use

- Increased carriageway width may also be required on sharp bends to enable larger vehicles to pass each other.

Visibility Splays

Within Industrial Estates visibility splays are to be provided at all junctions as shown in Table 5. Where a new estate road joins the existing wider highway network visibility will be required to be in accordance with National Guidance.

Visibility on curves, at summits and at junctions shall be provided between points 1.05m above the carriageway. (See also Forward Visibility)
Turning Space

A Turning space shall be provided at the end of each cul-de-sac. This turning space must be in accordance with one of the diagrams shown in Figure 1.

The positioning of accesses to individual premises with turning spaces is recommended as this discourages casual parking which obstructs turning movements.

Gradients

The gradients of carriageways shall normally not exceed the following limits:

- Maximum gradient 8.33% (1 in 12)
- Minimum gradient 0.83% (1 in 120)

In exceptional cases steeper gradients may be approved by the Engineer. Where the channel is formed of pre-cast concrete or other suitable channel blocks, the gradient shall not be less than 0.66% (1 in 150). (See also Details of Design)

Cul-de-Sacs

Cul-de-sac over 200m in length are undesirable but will be considered in certain circumstances (e.g. to avoid sterilisation of land) up to a maximum of 400m in length beyond which a second access to the existing highway network should be provided.

Where the 200m maximum length is exceeded intermediate turning facilities must be provided in accordance with the turning space requirements at a maximum spacing of 200m.

Right Turn Lanes

Where an Industrial Estate Road joins an existing Distributor Road, offside diverging (right turn) lanes may be required to be provided by the Developer, together with associated traffic signs, central refuges and road markings. Under normal circumstances offside diverging lanes will be required at all junctions between Distributor Roads and Major Industrial Roads. Details of Pedestrian facilities may also be required to be agreed with the Engineer, based on the latest Department of Transport advice.

Roundabouts

The use of both roundabouts and mini-roundabouts will be considered where appropriate.
Construction Specification

Carriageway and Footway construction shall be in accordance with Tables 2, 3 & 4 and Figure 3.

Bituminous mixtures must be laid in accordance with BS 594987.

Access to Premises

For access to premises radius kerbs (normally 6.0 metres) should be provided. The width of accesses to premises will depend on the size and nature of the premises but should not be less than 6.0m. In addition an area of footway of 2m long on each side of the access shall be constructed to carriageway standards to reduce the effects of vehicles mounting the kerb (see Figure 2).

The layout of these premises shall be such that all vehicles can leave and regain the public highway in a forward direction.

Parking

All necessary provision for vehicular parking, including deliveries, should be clear of the public highway. In general parking to serve premises is not acceptable on the highway and the Developer will be expected to meet the full costs of Traffic Regulation Orders, signs and road markings required to enable waiting restrictions to be implemented, where appropriate. General off-street parking provision shall be in accordance with the standards set out in the current edition of the Non Residential Parking Guidance produced by East Sussex County Council.
## Table 1
### Summary of Basic Data
#### Industrial Roads

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Design Speed</th>
<th>Minimum Widths</th>
<th>Bend centre line radius</th>
<th>Minimum forward visibility</th>
<th>Minimum distance between centre lines of junctions</th>
<th>Minimum distance between centre line or first junction and commencement of road</th>
<th>Normal Maximum Gradient</th>
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<td>Major Industrial Road</td>
<td>50kph (30mph)</td>
<td>7.3m</td>
<td>Two x 2m</td>
<td>200m</td>
<td>90m</td>
<td>70m</td>
<td>8.33% (1 in 12)</td>
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<td>45m</td>
<td>20m</td>
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# Table 3
## Construction Details
### Footways
### Industrial Roads

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<th>Vehicle crossings Thickness of layer (mm)</th>
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Table 4
Sub Base Thickness
Industrial Road
Table 5
Visibility Splays within Industrial Estates

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<th>Main Road Type</th>
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<th>Major IR</th>
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Note: *These splays also to be used at the point of access of larger Industrial premises onto Industrial Estate Roads

'X' Measured along the centre line of the side road from the near channel of the through road

'Y' Measured along the near channel of the through road
Figure 1
Turning Spaces
Industrial Estates
Figure 2
Access to Premises
Industrial Roads

For Visibility splays see note on Table 5
Where a footway crosses the site pedestrian ramp kerbs and tactile paving shall be provided
and laid out in accordance with the requirements of ‘Guidance on the use of tactile paving
surfaces’
Figure 3
Typical Section – Hot Rolled Asphalt
Road Construction - Industrial Roads

20mm thick (0-6mm) dense bitumen macadam surface course or gravel hot rolled asphalt

60mm thick (20mm nominal size) dense bitumen macadam binder course

150mm thick Type 1 granular sub base
Recycled permitted as approved by the Engineer

NB: DBM footways will require slurry sealing prior to adoption or payment of a commuted sum.

Footway

Carriageway

45mm thick Hot Rolled Asphalt 30/14 Surf 40/60 with 14/20 mm pre coat chips to EN 13108-1

60mm thick (0-20mm nominal size) dense bitumen macadam binder course
Or
60% (0-20mm) Hot Rolled Asphalt binder course to BS13108-1

160mm thick dense bitumen macadam (0-32mm) base course

Minimum 150mm thick Type 1 granular sub base based on CBR value (see Table 4)
Recycled permitted as approved by the Engineer

Vehicle crossing gradients should generally remain comparable with a 2.0m width. In some circumstances, where widths of less than 2.0m are involved, the back line may need lowering.

Footway Crossing

Construction as for adjoining carriageway