COMMON PRACTICE GUIDANCE SHEET – NO 1
Safe Access / Egress and Vehicle Segregation on sites

During April 2013/2014 7 people were killed and many more injured when coming into contact with plant, machinery and vehicles on construction sites. Safe access/egress both onto and within live site areas on sites is essential to ensure the risk of injury is reduced or where possible eliminated. Many of these incidents can be avoided by pre-planning and the implementation of suitable barriers/fencing and signage. Pre planning resulting in a site layout plan indicating where the appropriate pedestrian/vehicular routes should be developed and clearly displayed around all projects. Here are a few examples on how this can be achieved.

Above shows a site layout plan indicating segregated pedestrian/vehicular routes within the site boundaries. Below right shows a manned controlled gate system on a large project where the main pedestrian route is crossed by a busy haulage road. Below shows a typical segregated vehicle/pedestrian walkway across a site.

Above a dedicated gated route from safe to live working areas. Below shows clearly marked tramlines on the floor identifying specific pedestrian routes. These could, when practical, be supplemented with coloured high visibility tape around the props.

This project has been delivered with support from the CITB Growth Fund, which aims to ensure that the construction industry has the right people, with the right skills, in the right place, at the right time and is equipped to meet the future skills demands of the industry.