**Inclusive access and shared corners**

At MRC we are passionate about improving access for everyone in our community. We use inclusive access audits to help make places more accessible. In recent audits, we have been encountering designs in which separated footpaths and cycle paths are combined into a shared corner at intersections. Who are these shared corners serving?

Intersections or corners are critical points in the street network where multiple users on different modes are deciding to change direction or continue straight ahead. These are often the most dangerous places in any journey. While we are increasingly seeing best practice separated cycling and walking infrastructure design applied throughout the middle of the block, intersections can be tricky, and shared corners may seem like the only solution. But to build infrastructure that’s accessible and safe for everyone, designers need to take extra care at the points in the network with the potential for the most conflict.

In this presentation, I will talk about the value of retaining separation for different modes through corners and intersections and provide some design tips and tricks for making it work. I’ll share insights into what people have told us about using shared corners and discuss what we’ve learned from our inclusive access audits and how they can improve projects. At a time when we want to make it as easy and attractive as possible for people to choose to walk, cycle and scooter, getting the corners right is critical.