

## Netto Foodstores

Netto Foodstores are one of the largest discount food retailers in the UK. Sanderson Associates has acted as highway consultant to Netto for the last 17 years working on over 120 projects all over the UK, from Dover to Newcastle and Holyhead to Hartlepool. The range of work carried out has been quite varied, from provision of advice on the setting out of service areas, car park layout and access design and the preparation of transport assessments and travel plans to the detailed design of off-site highway works thus utilising the full extent of experience and resources within the Company. A key element of the success of this collaboration has been the excellent working relationship between the Client, other professionals on the design team and staff at Sanderson Associates to ensure a consistent high quality service is delivered on time and within budget.

Examples of the wide range of development issues requiring detailed consideration were particularly evident in the Netto developments at Huddersfield Road, Oldham; Stainforth, Doncaster and Holyhead, Anglesey.



### Netto Store - Huddersfield Road, Oldham

Sanderson Associates were appointed by Netto Foodstores Ltd in 2004 to provide highway advice in connection with a proposed foodstore on land formally occupied by a car sales garage along Huddersfield Road, Oldham.

Sanderson Associates also prepared highway designs to provide a suitable access to the customer car park and service yard which were agreed by the Local Planning Authority during the planning process.



Subsequently Sanderson Associates were appointed by the Client to undertake the detailed design of the off-site Section 278 works. These included the provision of two access points (one customer car park access and a service yard access), closure of an existing access, provision of a pedestrian buildout and refuge island, modifications to an existing car parking lay-by, provision of a right turn holding lane into the site, with associated signing and lining. The works were let as a single action tender to the Client's Contractor and completed before the store opened at Easter.

### Netto Store - Stainforth, Doncaster

The site at Stainforth required the preparation of a detailed Transport Assessment which included an extensive assessment of the sustainable travel modes available and the measures the Company were to promote to encourage their use.

Other issues were raised in terms of the status of former highways crossing the land. The project has required the submission of a formal Stopping Up application to extinguish the highways rights of a small section of former rear access road which, for some reason, had been omitted from previous applications by the then owner of the site.

The development of this site will also allow access into other land which is likely to come forward for development in the near future.

Our access design had, therefore, to incorporate the development potential of this land and minimise impact upon it whilst retaining our Clients required arrangements and conforming to the design standards of the Local Highway Authority who may wish to adopt the access road at some point in the future.

This store opened in October 2008.



### Netto Store - Holyhead, Anglesey

The Holyhead site has been in operation since late 2004. The development was subject to a S278 Agreement which provided for off-site highway works including the installation of a puffin pedestrian crossing and associated road markings, signage, surface treatments and pedestrian guardrails.



The photographs show the virtually completed works. The site also had additional developable land which now accommodates a McDonalds fast food outlet who share the access arrangements provided as part of the Netto Store and also benefit from the new pedestrian facilities installed.

Sanderson Associates advised Netto through the planning process and went on to complete the detailed design of the off-site works securing approval from the Highway and Planning Authorities for the works.

