

# New Cycle Signs and Lines

*Information  
for motorists,  
pedestrians  
& cyclists*



# Cycling Facilities

The Government has set local authorities a target for increasing the number of journeys made by bicycle.

Kirklees Council supports the Government's aims because cycling will improve health, and more cycles and fewer cars on the road will help to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality.

We are committed to providing new cycle facilities to help make cycling safer and more enjoyable. This leaflet explains some of the facilities, signs and lines you will find in Kirklees.

## On road cycle lanes

A cycle lane creates a safer riding space for cyclists on the road, alongside the kerb.

### Advisory Cycle Lane

Marked by a broken line and cycle symbols on the road (shown on front cover). Motorists should not enter the lane unless it is clear of cycles.



### Mandatory Cycle Lane

Marked by a continuous line and cycle bolts on the road. Motorists must not enter or park in the lane at any time.



### Shared Bus and Cycle Lane

Cyclists are allowed to use the bus lane. Motorists must not enter or park in the lane unless the sign specifies times when they can.



# Pedestrians & cyclists sharing space

Cyclists may be allowed to ride on pavements that are wide and rarely used by pedestrians, such as in rural areas. This will help cyclists where the road is busy yet not wide enough to provide cycle lanes.

## Shared use footway (unsegregated)

Cyclists and pedestrians share the same stretch of path. Cyclists should give way to pedestrians.



## Segregated Shared use footway

A solid white line marked on the ground separates pedestrians and cyclists.



## Cycle Track

An off-road track designed for cycling and walking. The route may cross pavements and roads.



To warn pedestrians of cyclists emerging from a cycle route which crosses the pavement.



To warn motorists of cyclists emerging from a cycle route ahead.



Segregated shared use footway

# Advanced stop lines

Cyclists can be vulnerable at junctions with traffic lights because they get tucked alongside turning vehicles. An Advanced Stop Line and reserved area ahead of the queuing traffic allows cyclists to position themselves in front of vehicles when the lights are on red, so that they are clearly visible.

When the lights turn green the cyclist has time to make a safe manoeuvre ahead of other traffic.

Motorists must not enter the reserved area when the lights are on red. A 'feeder' lane is usually provided to help cyclists bypass traffic to reach the advanced stop line and reserved area.



# Other cycle signs

## Route direction sign

Showing direction of route recommended for cyclists.



## Cycle parking

Fully enclosed lockers or cycle stands are being provided in towns and local centres and at bus and rail stations. Cyclists may park for up to 24hrs and must provide their own lock.



## No cycling allowed



# Attention drivers

## Think bike:

- Expect to see cyclists. Take care.

## Give cyclists plenty of space and time:

- Give cyclists plenty of space when overtaking.
- Cyclists can be forced into the middle of the road unexpectedly to avoid drains, potholes, debris and to overtake parked vehicles or vehicles emerging at junctions.
- Cyclists turning right have to cross lanes of traffic. They are exposed. Give extra consideration.

## Watch for cyclists on the inside when you turn left:

- Cyclists often travel up the inside of queuing traffic to get ahead. Be alert to this.

## Always look for cyclists before opening a car door:

- It is not always possible for cyclists to give a wide berth to parked cars. Check for cyclists approaching.

## Show consideration, be patient:

- Remember the cyclist could be your child, friend, neighbour or colleague.



Mandatory cycle lane

# HELP CREATE A SAFER ROAD ENVIRONMENT

Understanding signs, lines and the needs of different road users will help improve safety for all.

## Good cycling code

### Obey the rules of the road:

- Always follow the Highway Code.

### Be courteous:

- Give way to pedestrians.
- Don't ride on the pavements unless permission to do so is clearly signed.
- Motorists can feel frustrated and delayed by cyclists - move over to the left when it's safe and convenient to do so.

### Look after yourself:

- Ride positively and decisively.
- Always look and signal clearly before you start, stop or turn; It helps motorists to understand what you plan to do.
- Think ahead and try to anticipate drivers' actions. Catch their eye - make sure you've been seen.
- Motorists may not always see cyclists - wear bright, visible clothing.
- Use lights at night and in poor weather.
- Keep your bike in good condition.
- Wear a cycle helmet.



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