

Roundstone Level Crossing

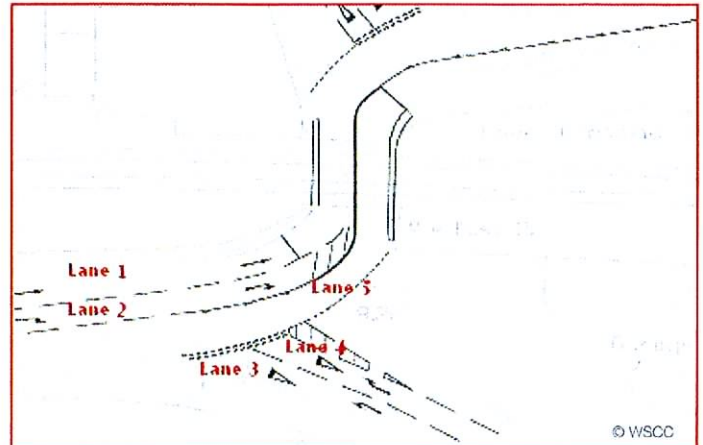
Several of you have thanked us for last edition's Road Safety Report, and in particular the clarification of the priorities at the Roundstone Level Crossing junction. In response to requests for a pictorial version of the information, we have obtained the picture (right) from the West Sussex County Council (WSCC) Highways Department. It remains the intention of Network Rail, as the owner of the crossing, and WSCC to work together to widen the crossing during financial year 2010/11.

We have been in contact with Stagecoach since some of you have expressed concern that the buses do not obey the Give Way rules. Stagecoach has responded positively and is reminding all their drivers of the need to obey the priority rules. They have, however, asked us to request that drivers coming south across the railway intending to turn left into North lane indicate their intentions. This will allow bus drivers in North Lane an opportunity to proceed safely knowing your intention.

Meanwhile, we have received the following advice from Sergeant Stevens of the Sussex Police Neighbourhood Policing Team:

- Vehicles waiting to exit North Lane, intending to turn left onto the Worthing Road, are required to give way to traffic on the main carriage way i.e. vehicles travelling south over the crossing.
- Vehicles waiting to exit North Lane and intending to turn right to go over the crossing, are required to give way to traffic travelling south over the crossing AND to traffic travelling east along the Worthing Road.
- Should a vehicle turning out of North Lane, fail to give way to traffic on the Worthing Road or to traffic travelling south over the crossing and subsequently cause a collision, then the driver of this vehicle should expect action to be taken against them for careless driving.
- Any driver forcing their way across the junction in contravention of the give way signs and road markings, may find themselves liable to a fixed penalty offence.

- The stop lines on the approach to the crossing on the Worthing Road and the Old Worthing Road, are stop lines for the level crossing control and come into force when the traffic control signals are illuminated.



- LANE 1: has priority over ALL other road traffic
- LANE 2: has priority over ALL traffic in lane 4 but MUST give way to ALL traffic in lane 5 continuing westbound on the B2140
- LANE 3: ALL vehicles MUST give way to ALL vehicles in lane 5 continuing westbound on the B2140
- LANE 4: ALL vehicles MUST give way to ALL traffic in lane 5 continuing westbound on the B2140 and ALL traffic in lanes 1 and 2
- LANE 5: has priority over ALL other traffic

If the gates are down then the same rules apply. Once the gates have risen then lane 4 has to give way to ALL vehicular movement from lane 5, 2 and 1 before safely driving over the crossing.