



IOW Local Access Forum

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Councillor Edward Giles
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Dear Councillor Giles

This letter constitutes formal advice from the Isle of Wight Local Access Forum. The Isle of Wight Council is required, in accordance with section 94(5) of the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, to have regard to relevant advice from this forum in carrying out its functions.

The Isle of Wight Local Access Forum has identified a number of locations where Public Bridleways meet Public Carriageways which are considered to be dangerous to both users of the Bridleways and traffic.

A list of the locations is set out below:

- N137 crossing to N137a - No slows on the road, no horse Warning signs, no broken white line marking the accesses.
- SW 49 crossing to SW51 - No Slows on the road, no horse Warning signs, no broken white lines marking the accesses. This crossing is on the crest of the hill as drivers approach Shorwell or leave Shorwell and has very poor visibility on the Eastern side. (SW49) overgrown and a splay required.
- Lynch Lane, Brightstone to Calbourne Road Byway Crossing - BS10 crossing to BS44. No slows on the road, no horse warning signs and no broken white line marking access points.
- Lynch Lane-Calbourne Bottom BS9 Crossing to CB17 - no Slows for drivers heading up hill, no horse signs, no broken white lines marking the access points.
- On the main Newport to Freshwater road some of the field entrances on this road are marked with broken white lines but not consistent.
- S21 crossing - No Slows on the road relevant to this crossing, no horse signs and no broken white lines marking the access points. Riders heading from

north to south on this route have their vision completely obstructed by a hedge and it is on a slight bend in the road. Also no road end Bridleway sign on the north side.

- S19 Crossing - No Slows, no horse signs, no broken white lines marking access points. Riders heading from the south to the north have their vision obstructed by the hedge.
- Scotchells Brook on the Sandown Road.
- **IMPORTANT** NC31 crossing the main Shanklin Road just past Whitley Bank. This was brought to the attention of Public Rights of Way around 5 years ago and it has still not been touched. There are horse warning triangles on the approach and Slows on the road but these have had no impact on drivers because they cannot see where the crossing is, which is hidden/overgrown and on the brow of a hill.

With the increase in the volume and speed of traffic and the fact that more cyclists and walkers are using Bridleway routes should there be a more consistent policy on signing and road markings relating to crossing points?

The Forum looks forward to hearing from you as to what action will be taken by the Council to improve these dangerous crossing points.

Yours sincerely

A blacked-out signature, likely of Mrs S J Weedall, is redacted with a thick black marker.

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Chairman

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