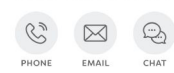


Following years of asking for improvements to the cycle contra-flow on Carshalton Station Approach Road, and six months after actions were agreed to resolve concerns over safety issues[^], two additional signs have recently been installed

One here...



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.... and a second one here



The trouble is, they are the wrong signs for the existing conditions (conditions which are not set to significantly change)

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This sign, which has been in situ for around six or seven years*
(but which has often been covered by foliage so not always
visible), is the correct sign for the existing layout.

To get technical, it is *diagram 960.2 (advisory)*

* source Google Streetview



Whereas, this sign, one of the
two new recently installed signs,
is the incorrect sign for the
existing layout.

Diagram 960.1 (mandatory)

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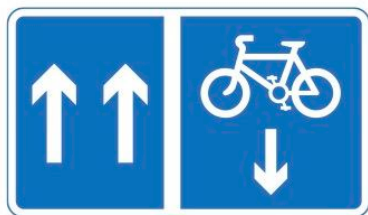


Figure 11-9 Diagram 960.1 (S9-4-6)
One-way road with a mandatory contraflow cycle lane

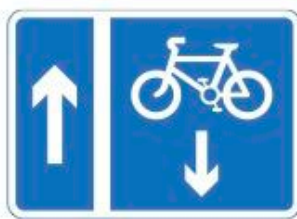


Diagram 960.1



Figure 11-14 Diagram 960.2 (S9-4-7)
Contraflow cycles with or without an advisory lane marked on the carriageway

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Basically, there are two options to choose from when it comes to a cycle contraflow on a one-way street. The choice depends on whether the cycle lane to be provided is mandatory or advisory. See Chapter 3 of the *Traffic Signs Manual Regulatory Signs 2019* - riveting reading

For the Carshalton Station Approach Road an advisory lane exists (as indicated by the single sign installed in about 2013). However, the recently installed signs relate to a mandatory cycle lane. A mandatory cycle lane would be welcome, of course, but it appears this is not possible due to constrained space and the requirement to give priority to the provision of car parking spaces over those on foot or cycle.

Therefore, we ask that, when the current COVID-19 outbreak abates, the two recently installed signs are replaced with the correct variant, and that work progresses speedily with the other actions that were agreed at the site meeting held on 29 August 2019[^].

30 March 2020