

Proposal: permit 2-way cycling along South Street, Horsham



The proposal, put forward by Horsham District Cycling Forum is to allow 2-way (or contraflow) cycling along South Street - shown by the red arrows on the map above. This road is currently one way for all traffic going northbound.

Under this proposal there is NO NEED for a segregated cycle track along South Street (except at one point - see below). Should contraflow cycling be permitted here, people on bikes will just keep left on the road in both directions.

Changes needed to implement this proposal:

- New signage to inform drivers of 2-way cycling
- Removal of the bollard on the road near Crates coffee shop
- Short on-road segregated cycle track (for southbound cyclists only) at the corner outside the Crown pub
- Change to priority at Blackhorse Way/South Street junction

Suggested extra improvement:

- Continuous footway for pedestrians at the West St/Middle St/South St junction

Two reasons to support this proposal

1. People already ride along this route as it is on a clear 'desire line' into the town centre.

So it makes sense to regularise what people are doing now and make it safer.

2. The Dept for Transport actively supports contraflow cycling on roads like South Street and considers it safer than cycling on busier roads.

Their latest guidance to local authority highways departments states "*Allowing contraflow cycling.....should be the default approach in traffic management.*" (Source: LTN1/20 section 4.2.8)