



## New Changes To The Highway Code

The UK government are making 3 very important changes to the Highway Code, which will affect all road users. These changes will come into effect on 29 January and include:

- 1) New hierarchy of road users prioritising pedestrians and then cyclists over other road users
- 2) Priority for cyclists over cars when cars are turning
- 3) Pedestrians having priority over cars at junctions plus changes to cyclist positioning to ensure better visibility

More information and details of the changes here: [Table of changes to The Highway Code \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://www.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672122/table-of-changes-to-the-highway-code.pdf)

### Three biggest changes to the Highway Code

**RULE H1: NEW HIERARCHY OF ROAD USERS**

Drivers of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of collision bear the greatest responsibility to take care and reduce the danger to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of HGVs, LGVs, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists and horse riders have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians.

**RULE H3: PRIORITY FOR CYCLISTS WHEN CARS ARE TURNING**

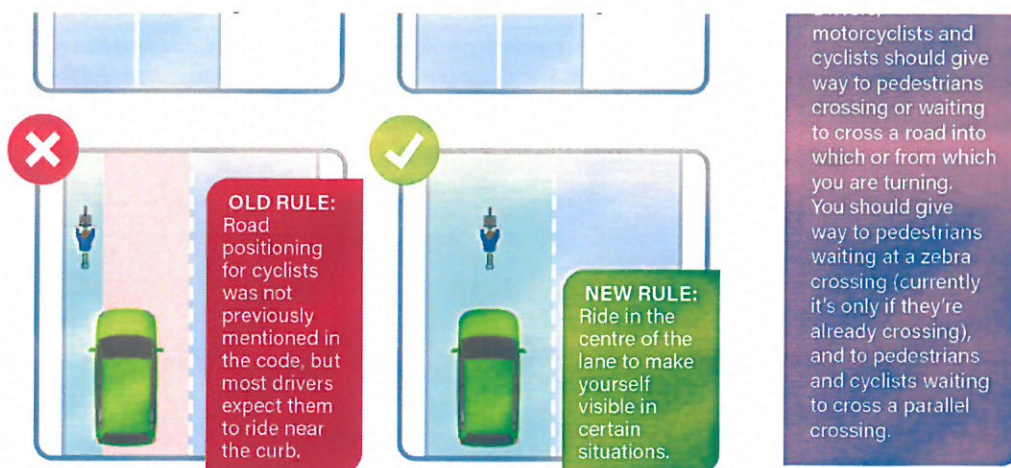
You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse-drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane. You should give way whether they are using the road, a cycle lane or cycle track. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse-drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap if necessary.

**OLD RULE:** Vehicles have priority at junctions.

**NEW RULE:** Give way to pedestrians at junctions.

**RULE H2: NEW PRIORITY FOR PEDESTRIANS AT JUNCTIONS**

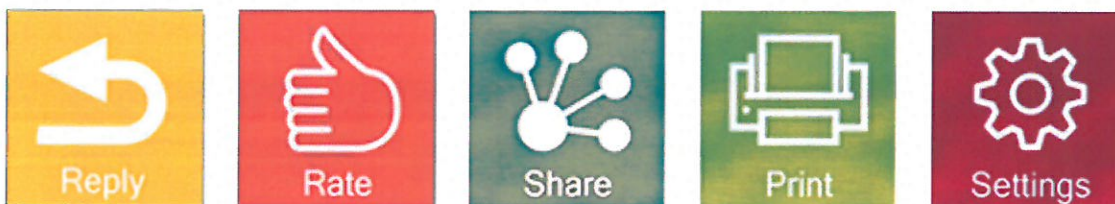
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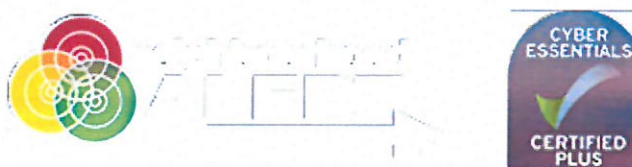
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