

Amazon Roundabout – a safety assessment for cyclists

The photos feature the five crossings of NCN 4 from west to east. All are looking east. .



The first two crossings (arrowed) are for vehicles travelling to the Amazon warehouse. There is nothing to slow the traffic. At both of them cyclists have to look behind them, over their right shoulder, to see if the road is clear. There are no warning signs on the cycle path (such as “look right” for east bound cyclists).



This shows the third crossing, the first with lights. The faces of the yellow control boxes (arrowed) are invisible to an eastbound cyclist. At least one should be turned so that a cyclist can see when it is safe to cross.

This is the fourth crossing (arrowed). The same comments apply as for crossings one and two. The blue car passed at speed and its approach could easily have been missed by an eastbound cyclist.

The fifth and final crossing (not shown) has cycle lights, but as for crossing three these are not visible to an east bound cyclist and one should be rotated.



This Shell service station, immediately east of the junction, also poses a hazard to cyclists. As for crossings 1, 2. and 4 vehicles sweep across the path, as did the lorry (arrowed).



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