

advance

stop lines

Advance stop lines are a set of white lines placed across the road at certain junctions throughout Nottingham which are controlled by traffic lights. They have been created to allow a safe haven (Advance Stop Box) for cyclists at the head of a queue of traffic waiting for the traffic lights to change to green.

Cyclists are required to enter this advanced stop box by the prescribed cycle lane or 'gate'.

The benefits of Advance Stop Lines are that they;

- Place cyclists in a more visible location ahead of traffic, rather than a potential blind spot to the left of traffic, this is especially important where there are appreciable numbers of HGV's;
- Allow cyclists to wait in an area relatively free from exhaust fumes;
- Make it easier for right hand turning cyclists to position themselves in the best location;
- Allow cyclists to bypass queuing traffic to get to the front of the queue; and
- Provide an increased safety buffer between motor vehicles and pedestrians crossing the road.

When a vehicle approaches an advance stop line and the traffic lights at the junction change from green to amber the vehicle must stop before the first stop line, i.e. the first line a vehicle crosses on the approach to the traffic lights. Only if the vehicle is either on the first stop line, or is so close to the stop line that it would be unsafe to stop prior to it, may the vehicle cross the first stop line but it must stop before the second stop line.

If drivers fail to obey the advance stop line and traffic light regulations they are liable to a fine and their driving licence being endorsed.

