

Turning into side roads

Follow these actions when approaching a side road to turn in:



Mirrors

Firstly check your mirrors to make sure it is safe to slow down (you might quickly change your mind if you saw an out of control lorry behind you!). You should check your rear view mirror (to see how close any following vehicles are) & the side mirror in the direction of travel (to check nobody is trying to pass you).



Signal

Next you need to warn people what you are about to do, so indicate. Do so early enough for others to have time to register what you are planning - aim to fit in at least 10 flashes/clicks before steering. But make sure your signal is timed so it can't be misinterpreted.



Position

Now you should move into position. If you are turning right, move towards the centre of the road (next to the lines). This will confirm your signal and if there is enough room any cars behind you can then pass by on your left. When turning left, you should drift slightly closer to the kerb as you near the turn.



Speed

Slow down and change into a suitable gear. Normally you will need to be at jogging pace and in 2nd gear before steering.



Look

Look all around and into the side road on the approach then have a final look in your side mirror and ahead before steering.

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