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Understanding attitudes to priorities at side road junctions

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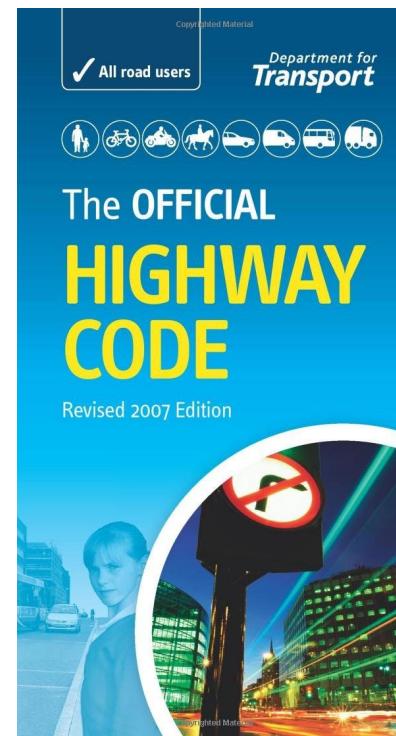
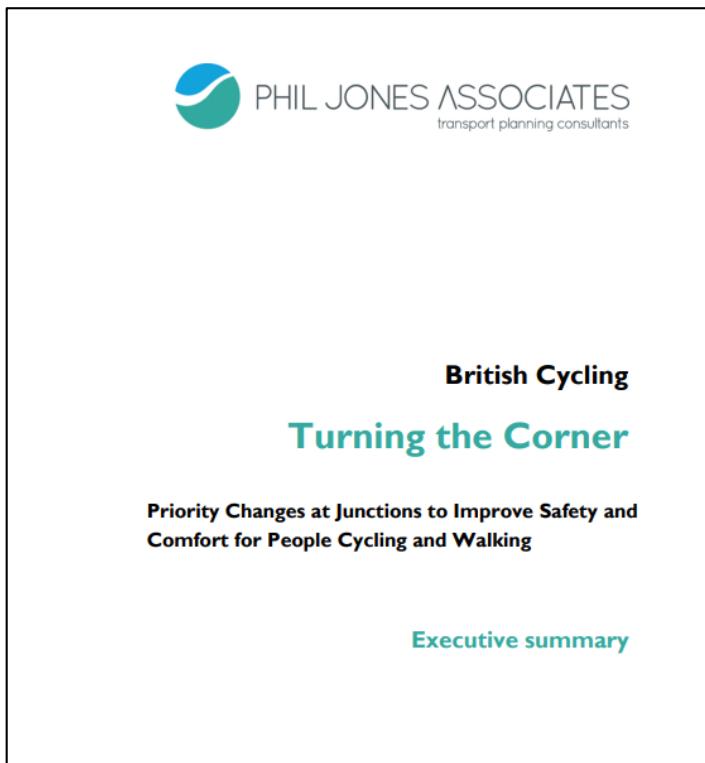


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Q-methodology



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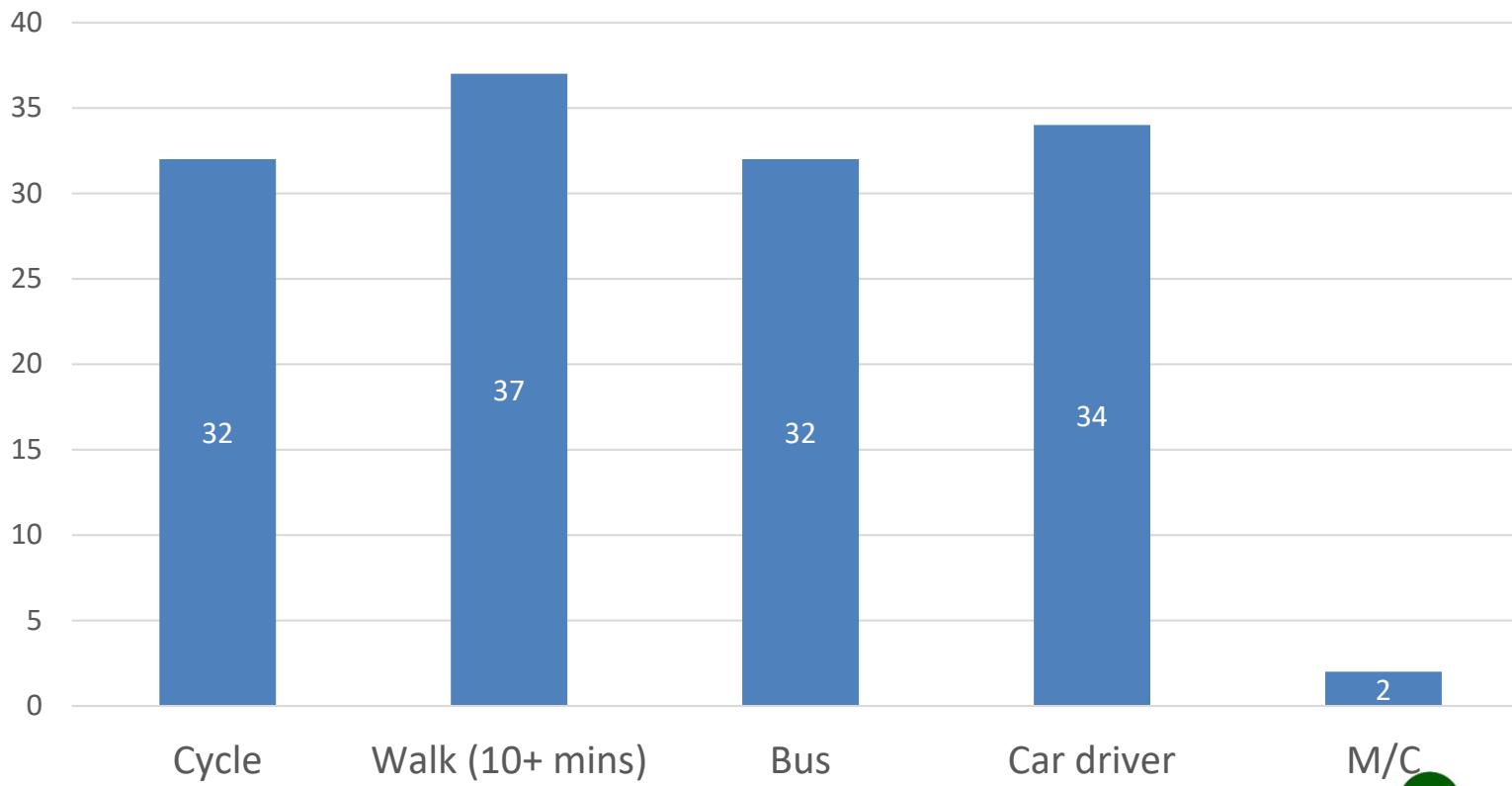
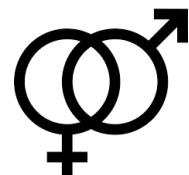
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The Q-sort participants

- N=41
- Purposeful sample
- Mixed road user experience:
Mode Use





5 groups with common perspectives



Optimistic



Realistic



Pessimistic

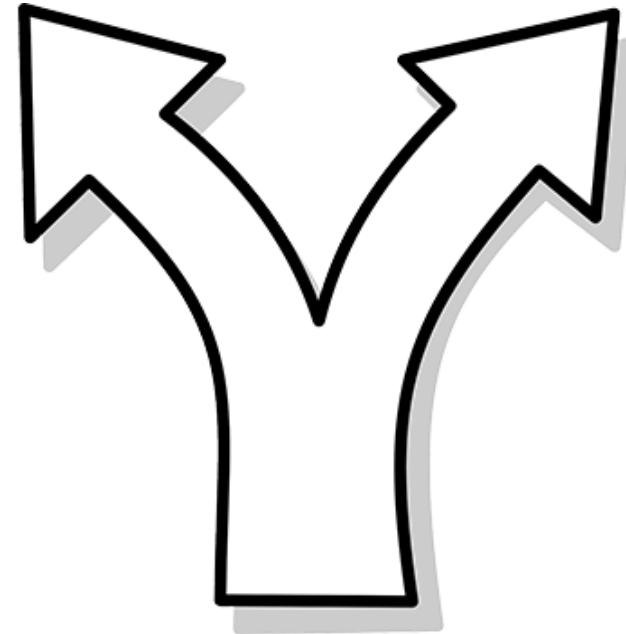


Altruistic



Pragmatic

Divergence



Differences between groups:

- Which road user types should be the prime focus of junction improvements
- Relative importance of safety & time saving
- Amount of effort required to implement change



Consensus

Strong agreement between groups:

- No level of injury & death at road junctions is acceptable
- Regulation changes should be made
- Funding for awareness raising is important
- Supporting regulation change with concomitant design changes to the physical layout of junctions also important



Current Misalignment



LAW: some highway regulation not followed as unknown, unclear, or flouted because inconvenient

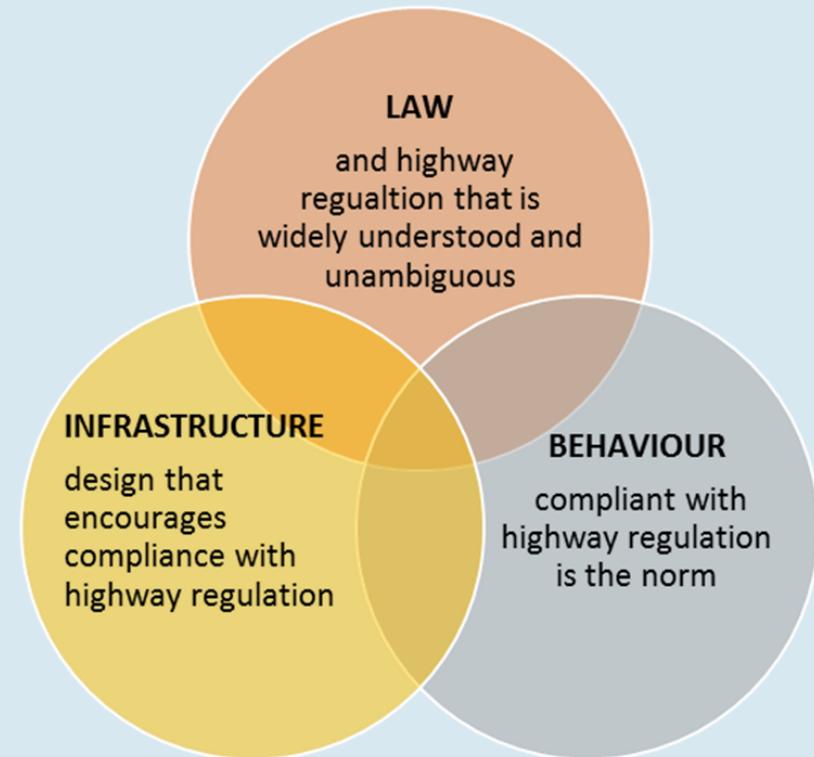


BEHAVIOUR: some road users not compliant with current regulation, eg cutting in on cyclists or not giving way to pedestrians crossing side roads



INFRASTRUCTURE: some design encourages behaviour non-compliant with highway regulation, eg wide radii on mouths of side roads

Future Alignment



Aspiring to a future of greater alignment between infrastructure design, highway regulation and road-user behaviour



Findings



Safe, attractive & convenient...



...for all



Regulation changes

Need support from:

- Public awareness raising campaigns
- Infrastructure design changes
- Funding
- Enforcement

Takeaway messages

1. All user types agree that any injuries and death at road junctions are unacceptable:
Road-user behaviour needs to change
2. There are practical changes that policy makers could and should make that would improve junction safety, so that they were more attractive & convenient for all:
Policy makers need to act
3. Change in regulations would need support from design, funding and enforcement:
Highway regulation & design need to align

Contact details and questions

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