

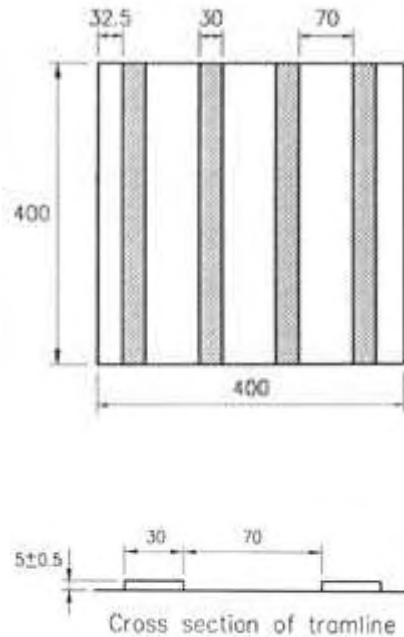
# TACTILE PAVING

On off road segregated shared routes, cycle track tactile paving slabs are implemented at the start and the end of routes, as well as at junctions where other footways or cycle paths link into the facility.

## WHAT ARE THEY USED FOR?

They are there to assist visually impaired and blind pedestrians who otherwise find it difficult or impossible to identify which side of the facility to walk on.

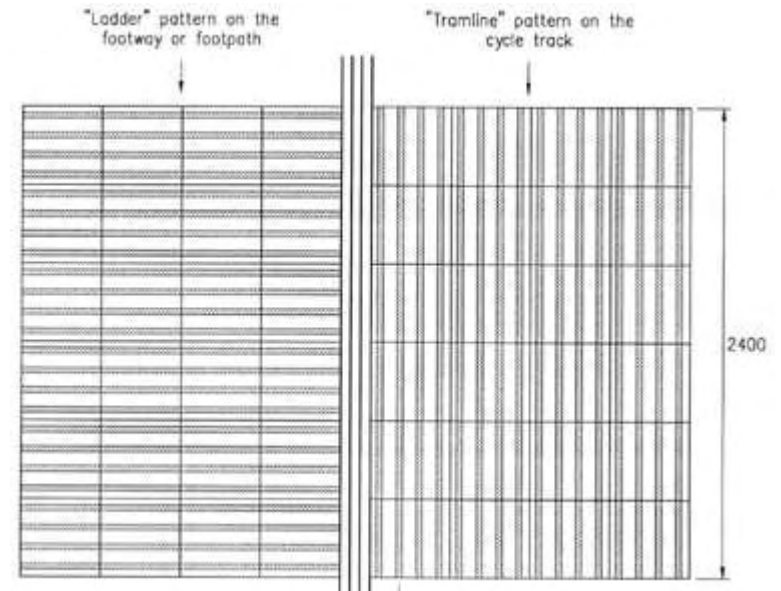
## WHAT DO THEY LOOK LIKE?



The paving units used on routes in North Lincolnshire are coloured buff. They can also be provided in grey. Each paving slab has four raised bars, which can be felt underfoot by a visually impaired person.

## WHAT DO THE LAYOUTS ACTUALLY MEAN?

Each slab is 400 millimetres square. These slabs are grouped together across the full width of a segregated facility, as shown below.



The total length of the tactile layout at the start and end of a facility is 2.4 metres. This informs a visually impaired user that they are either entering or leaving a shared facility. The raised bars on the units for the side of a facility used by cyclists run with the direction of travel. On the pedestrian side, the units are laid running transversely across the direction of travel. The visually impaired person can feel under foot what the orientation of the paving units are to identify which side of the facility they need to walk on.

Along long sections of shared cycle route, reminder strips are provided, which are 800 millimetres long.

## Remember:

- ❑ **TAKE CARE** when crossing roads and any access located along the route.
- ❑ **BE SEEN** – wear brightly coloured clothing.
- ❑ **AT NIGHT** you are still on the public highway. Front and rear lights **must** be used on shared routes. Reflective clothing is advisable.
- ❑ **BE SAFE** – Wear a cycle helmet for your own protection.
- ❑ **BE COURTEOUS** to all other users along the route.
- ❑ **ONLY USE** footways that are specifically signed and marked for cyclists.

**PEDESTRIANS ALSO USE THESE ROUTES AND DESERVE TO BE SAFE.**



Signs will be erected along some shared routes to remind cyclists of their responsibilities to use them safely and courteously.

- ❑ **WHEN THE ROUTE ENDS** – When advised to rejoin the carriageway, do so with care. Give way to oncoming traffic where advised to do so by the relevant markings.



## FOLLOW THE HIGHWAY CODE!



All cyclists, either riding on the shared facilities or on the main carriageway **must** follow the rules listed on pages 13 to 16 of The Highway Code. **Be aware of the rules.** Copies can be obtained from most reputable bookshops.

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