

Vastern Road roundabout

the worst accident location in Reading

Actions are needed

Vasteren Road roundabout

Multi-lanes, lots of tarmac and high speeds



Collisions where cyclists injured at Vastern Road

- 2018 - ?
- 2017 - 7
- 2016 - 6
- 2015 - 5
- 2014 - 1
- 2013 - 4
- 2012 - 1

These figures are horrendously high, being more than on the Oxford Road, or all of Tilehurst, or all of Caversham

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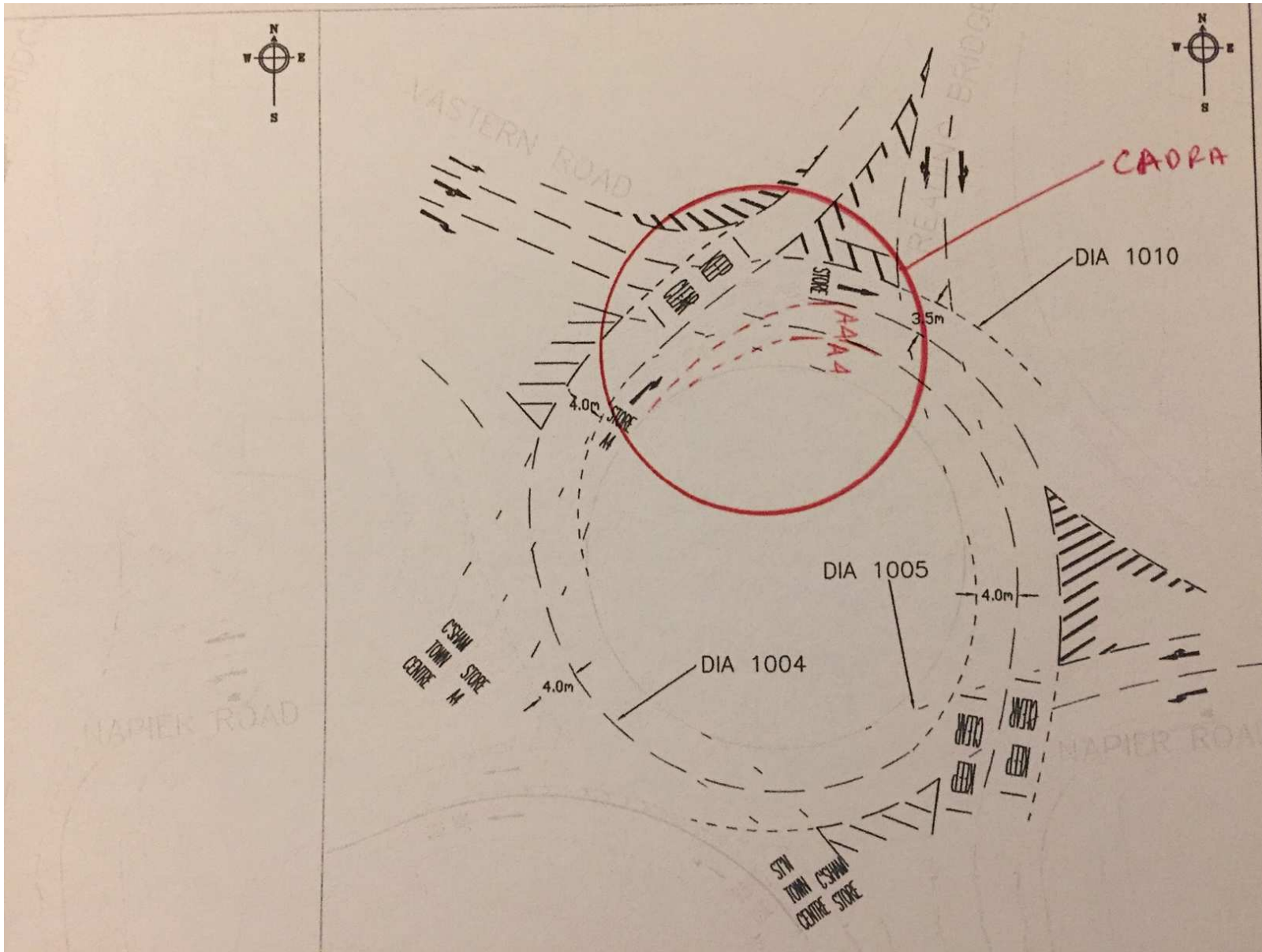
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Vasteren Road approach to roundabout where most 'failures to give-way' occur



Spiral markings supported, + CADRA mod



Spiral markings supported, but additional measures urgently required

- Better off-carriageway routes for cyclists and pedestrians
 1. *More direct routes*
 2. *Raised crossings to slow traffic*
 3. *Bigger and more pedestrian (and cycle) refuges*
 4. *Reduce number of traffic lanes where not essential*
- Better give-way markings for traffic

Improved give-way markings

- European style sharks-teeth

Trials by TRL in 2013
CIHT correspondence January 2019



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Policy!?

- Responsibility for Highway Authority to take steps to reduce and prevent collisions
- NICE recommendation in January 2019 to consider pedestrians and cyclists more in traffic schemes, with less priority for motor traffic
- RBC Cycling Strategy seeks to encourage cycling and make it safer
- *TMSC should request changes at Vastern Road roundabout until the number of cyclists injured reduces to no more than one a year.*