

Rye Town Council

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Subject: RE: A268 Landgate Arch Resigning Scheme

Alwyn

Thank you for your comments. I have included answers as appropriate for your information and hope this is of assistance.

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From: Alwyn Roebuck [mailto:alwyn.roebuck@rother.gov.uk]
Sent: 31 July 2009 15:47
To: Town Council - Rye; Brian Banks
Subject: RE: A268 Landgate Arch Resigning Scheme

Brian,

I have the proposals with some interest; I do however have some queries,

Site	Comments
1	The right hand section of the sign with Town center via narrow bridge and a bus symbol gives the impression that the narrow arch is suitable for large vehicle. To indicate that a width/height restriction is present would require the inclusion of the relative circular symbols as per site 3 (lane sign in Station Approach). This would make the sign too large to fit in the available space.
2	Ditto The relative width/height restriction signs could be incorporated below the Town centre/narrow arch destination as per site 4. Whilst this is feasible it will require the replacement of the existing sign posts which will add significant costs to the scheme.
3	Ditto plus why does the 6' 6" not have metric sizes, some of the problems are associated with European vehicle. Imperial measurements will mean little. Comment noted, the metric equivalent could be included as per the height sign. Please remind me what the 6'62 sign warns of, I can not recall where the restriction is. The 6' 6" width restriction was imposed by legal order in 1974 over the extent of Landgate. It is an environmental restriction (with access for loading) to prevent large vehicles using the road. I would assume it is to reduce the number of large vehicles negotiating the bend and the Landgate/Fishmarket Road/Rye Hill junction.
4	Why does the 6' 6" not have metric sizes, some of the problems are associated with European vehicle. Imperial measurements will mean little Comment noted, the metric equivalent could be included as per the height sign.
5	What is the white arrow for at the base of the sign? Again no metric measurements on the 6'6" sign The sign will be positioned perpendicular to the existing car park direction signs at the bottom of Conduit Hill facing traffic approaching on Rope Walk. It will inform drivers of large vehicles of the restrictions before they commit to taking a left turn. The junction layout and location of the old public toilet block obscures visibility of site 6 until a vehicle is actually at the give way markings which would be too late for a large vehicle that has been positioned to start the turning manoeuvre prior to the junction. The arrow indicates that the restriction only relates to the left
6	Again no metric measurements on the 6'6" sign Comment noted, the metric equivalent could be included as per the height sign.
7	The height notice referring to the Landgate arch access – without any reference to a width restriction it will encourage large vehicles to turn right. Please remember the vehicles causing the structural damage to the arch are hitting the sides of the arch, not the top of the arch. The provision of a width restriction sign is only permitted to indicate the effect of a formal restriction imposed by order. The height restriction sign can be used to indicate a road that passes under or through a bridge, tunnel or other structure which limits the height of vehicles using that road. It would therefore be necessary to complete a full TRO process to impose a width restriction for the arch before the width restriction sign can be used. Whilst this is possible it would be beyond the scope of this

	scheme and would need to be prioritised within our normal workload. Again no metric measurements on the 6'6" sign Comment noted, the metric equivalent could be included as per the height sign.
8	No comments
9	The height warning has no width displayed, comments as site 7. See above Again no metric measurements on the 6'6" sign Comment noted, the metric equivalent could be included as per the height sign.

Sorry for the number of questions.

Richard

I am not sure I need to be present at the next walk about as long as we can put in place signs which warn of the width and height restrictions of the Landgate and also reduce the physical damage.

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