# Residential driveways & footpath cycling

Meet Marjon. She’s 80 (or thereabouts). Walking isn’t easy any longer but she has a very active life; out and about every day. The most terrifying thing for her is to leave her driveway because she can’t see. Nothing wrong with her eyes; it’s the driveway that’s blind. By the time the bonnet of her car fully blocks the footpath, she still cannot see any of the footpath. And the other month, she hit a child cyclist leaving her driveway. Or the child hit the side of her car – I didn’t ask. The rules are clear; you must give way to footpath users. So she got dragged in front of a judge to explain herself.

I don’t condone failing to give way to footpath users. I also don’t condone that we are building driveways that give you no chance to see footpath users. This short presentation explores why we are doing this. And then considers what this means for government’s proposal to allow footpath cycling for all ages.

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