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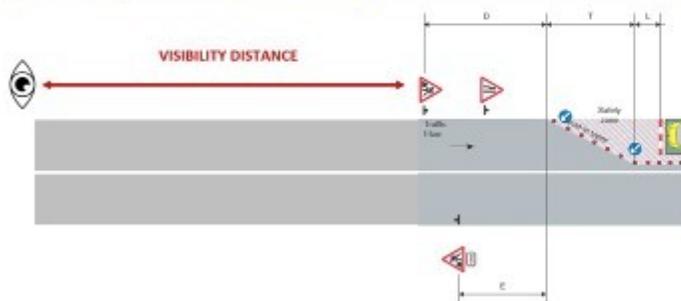
Can You See It Yet? Visibility Distances for Advance Signs



When placing advance signs, it is important that they are the correct minimum distances as set out in the Safety Code of Practice (see Table Below). Especially the "visibility distance". This is the distance a driver must have in advance of a sign which not to be confused with the distances of signs **from** site which is referred to as "D" in the code.

If your site does not permit the required visibility distances due to things such as bends, junctions or other issues you should consider adding additional signage such as doubling up on your Road Works Ahead to ensure that drivers can clearly see the advance signage before they interact with the site. Alternatively if you have to increase the distance from site by a small amount to achieve the visibility distance or it cannot actually be achieved as set out in the code make sure you site specific risk assessment details the reasons and the mitigations you have taken.

Speed limit of road	Minimum size of sign	Minimum visibility distance to first sign	D - Distance from first sign to start of lead-in taper	E - Distance from last cone to End sign
30mph or less - Single C/W	600mm	60m	20 to 45m	10 to 30m
40mph - Single C/W	750mm	60m	45 to 100m	30 to 45m
50mph or more - Single C/W	750mm	75m	275 to 450m	30 to 45m
40mph or less - dual carriageway	750mm	60m	110 to 275m	30 to 45m



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For any queries or problems, please contact your immediate supervisor / manager in the first instance

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