

Hello

Firstly let me introduce myself my name is Simon I live on the Wymott Estate. I drive HGV's class 1 and have done for over 20 years. In this time I have covered probably close to 1.5 million miles by now and have just under 10 more years until I retire. In that time I will probably do another 700,000 miles more.

I have delivered to many different places etc. Distribution centres, building sites, farmers, houses and almost to a British embassy in Hungary etc.

I have have been to many different countries in the past even around Europe and Eastern Europe.

In this time I have carried I cleaning products, building materials, food and hazardous chemicals including radioactive materials.

So I'd guess you might say that I have a bit of experience with different types of roads and road conditions and loads.

In this e-mail I'm going to try to put you in the driving seat of a 44T truck and give you a picture of the road as you drive down Ulnes Walton Lane from Southport Road.

The vehicle you are in is 8 foot 6 inches wide at the tyres and 10 foot wide at the mirrors. It will have a gross weight limit of 44 tones. Vehicle's carrying construction equipment will be over 44T maybe 50 to 60 tones if a crane is required then they maybe over 100 tones.

As you drive down Ulnes Walton Lane the offside tyres will have to be on the white line. If you meet a second hgv coming in the opposite direction you have a combined width of just over 20 feet. And someone will have to stop whilst the other hgv passes.

The bridge is the first obstacle, the trailer will follow on the opposite side of the road for around 30 feet and not allowing any vehicles to continue. This means that the vehicle you are driving is now around 15 foot wide going around to bend after the bridge. The bend is almost a blind righthand bend.

The next obstacle is the blind left-hand bend going uphill just after you have got straighten up, you must also approach this at a low speed also as your going to be driving on the opposite side of the road into on coming traffic. You'll have to do this are the trailer wheels will be in a ditch on the nearside of the road.

After you have straighten up again there is a long sweeping righthand bend and the trailer wheels are going to be on opposite side of the road into on coming traffic.

Then you can turn left into Moss lane but as you turn left your trailer is still on the righthand side of sweeping bend and the trailer is still just over the white line.

If at any time you meet a large vehicle on coming going to or leaving the prison area that is bigger than a car between the start of the bridge and the turning into Moss lane it is a significant risk of an accident or the road being closed temporarily while someone reverses back a short distance so both vehicles can pass by safely.

If you want to speak on anything about this please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards Simon Casey