

ROUTE EXPLANATION

LEG 3

TC18 to TC19

Novice

TC18 (134443→SSE) to TC 19 (110409)

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Expert TC18 (134443→SSE) to TC 19

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Explanation

Road colours at junctions, with narrow and wide yellows distinguished.

The Novices have the TC19 MR which gives a good indication of the general direction of the route. And the Novices' instruction has the junction road colours separated out. As usual, it is the first letter of the grouping for the colour of the road approaching the junction, the last letter shows the colour of the exit road from the junction, and the one or more in the middle are the colours of the roads "missed" at the junction.

The first junction after TC18 has to be TR on to the narrow yellow. But there are 3 options at the second junction, as all exits from that crossroads are narrow yellows. So it is necessary to look forward and see which leads to the next junction, comprising 3 narrow yellows. But that still leaves 2 options, so it is necessary to look forward again, using the same logic.

Later in the section it is necessary to spot that the junction joining the red road is in fact a 5 way junction, counting the dual carriageway as 2 separate roads (see paragraph 2 of the Regulations). By the same principle, the point where the dual carriageway reverts to single carriageway is also a 3-way junction.

The Experts have the same information, but in a string which will require to be separated out, and without the control MR. A quick look at the road colours – yellows to browns to reds – gives a good indication of the general route direction.

The direction at the first crossroads can be determined by the number of narrow yellow road options which have to be included before reaching what is the only brown road in this vicinity. The brown road has to be the B3 – there are no red road junctions with the B10 and the string shows that there is one junction which includes both brown and red roads.

Once on to the red road it looks like another red road junction is required, perhaps the junction with the A26 further north, but that is beyond brown and yellow road junctions. Like for the Novices, the key is recognising that the dual carriageway adds extra roads to the junction, and also that dual to single carriageway is also a junction. So south is the way to go.

