

Peter Driver report - Comparison of Road Signage at Horsmonden and Benenden



Benenden Vehicle Activated Slow Down sign not working . Grey backing board and solar panel adds to the general cluttered feel. Sign is high to avoid being hidden by 30 mph roundels (see later photograph).

The STOP sign at Benenden crossroads is just visible here.

Compare with the visibility of the signs at Horsmonden (both 100 yards and STOP sign at junction can clearly be seen)



The STOP 50 yards sign at Benenden has been damaged by a fly poster which reduces reflectivity. It is sited on the extreme left of the verge to avoid obstructing sightlines for vehicles emerging from Hortons Close which also means it does not have the recommended 60 m of clear visibility. I'm not sure if the additional 50 yards plate conforms to standards (I doubt it does)

No equivalent sign exists at Horsmonden



The octagonal STOP sign at the Benenden junction has also been damaged by a fly poster which must reduce reflectivity. It is mounted on a low wooden post.

The Horsmonden octagonal has a bright yellow backing board and there are signs on each side of the road. The sign on the right hand side is largely hidden until the junction is almost approached so I'm not sure it adds much value. A similar situation would occur at Benenden where a sign on the right would be largely obscured by hedging.

Both are blighted by development signs, the Benenden sign being for housing in St Michaels!



General scene showing all signage on the approach to Benenden crossroads (except for the “hidden” STOP 50 yds sign by Hortons Close). Below are close ups of the three Benenden signs

