

## BORDESLEY CIRCUS (AREA 3)

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Universally known as Hamburger Island due to a lane that crosses straight through the roundabout. The large junction has three dual carriage ways and two twin lane roads meeting at a roundabout. Parts of the junction are traffic light controlled, while other parts are not, and cars travelling in an anti-clockwise direction on the ring road can drive through the centre of the island to continue straight on, but cannot join traffic on the roundabout itself.

The above may sound like a formula for chaos and it is: this is how *Birmingham Live* reported it on 20/02/2020.

“The results reveal that Bordesley Circus was the worst for accidents, with 15 taking place there. The crashes at the junction led to 23 casualties, affecting a total of 32 vehicles. That’s more than any other individual junction in the country. It was followed by Belgrave Interchange.”

Is Hamburger Island the most dangerous junction in the country as claimed by *Birmingham Live*? Who knows, but there must be a reason why accident claims companies have advertising billboards displayed on it.

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