

The Essex County Council (Harlow District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.73) Order 202*

The Essex County Council (Epping Forest District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.52) Order 202*

Statement Of Reasons

The Clearway Order applies to the A1025 Gilden Way in Harlow. It begins approximately 82 metres northeast of the junction with Aspen Way eastwards through the Campions Roundabout and extends eastward along the Link Road dual carriageway towards the M11 Junction 7a. The Clearway also includes the carriageway, overbridge and dumbbell roundabouts either side of the M11.

This Order supplements the existing Clearway order already in place on other sections of A1025 Gilden Way. As a result, A1025 Gilden Way, from the London Road / Gilden Way Roundabout to the eastern dumbbell roundabout at the M11 junction 7a, will be subject to a continuous Clearway restriction, measuring 3.2 kilometres long.

Under the Order, stopping, parking, waiting, and loading or unloading on the carriageway will be prohibited, except in designated maintenance lay-bys or in cases of emergency.

The scheme was funded through the Major Projects budget allocated within Essex Highways, with support from National Highways. This route forms a key connection of the wider infrastructure from Harlow to Junction 7A on the M11 motorway, which opened to the public in 2022. The Clearway applies across the main extent of the improvement works along the former B183 Sheering Road, now designated as the A1025 Gilden Way, and the new dual carriageway link to the M11 at Junction 7a.

The primary objectives of this scheme focused on:

- Improving accessibility to and from Harlow.
- Ensuring the proposed infrastructure is appropriately scaled to accommodate future traffic growth.
- Supporting future housing developments around Harlow and employment growth to the east of the town.
- Reducing congestion, particularly along the A414 corridor through Harlow.

Improvement works on the A1025 Gilden Way included the addition of a new lane, providing two southbound lanes and one northbound lane. This was required to accommodate the forecast increase in traffic volumes. The scheme also incorporates a shared surface for combined cyclists and pedestrians along the Campions residential area.

The Clearway Order is introduced to help achieve the scheme's objectives by:

- Improving Accessibility: Supporting the new link road that connects Harlow to the M11 via Junction 7A more seamlessly, significantly improving journey times for residents, businesses, and visitors.
- Improving Traffic Flow and Reducing Congestion: Maintaining free-flowing traffic along the A1025 Gilden Way and reducing congestion on existing north–south routes through Harlow.
- Enhancing Road Safety: Preventing inappropriate stopping or parking that could obstruct vehicle movements or create hazards for other road users.
- Supporting Future Growth: Maximising carriageway capacity to accommodate increased traffic from new housing developments, including Mayfield Farm, Gilden Park, East Harlow and employment areas including the relocation of the Princess Alexandra Hospital.
- Enabling Sustainable Transport mode Integration: Protecting newly provided walking and cycling facilities, and public transport stops from obstruction by vehicle parking.

The scheme has been subject to a comprehensive Road Safety Audits, both before and after construction that have provided positive feedback and confirmed the safety and suitability of the measures introduced supported by this Clearway Order.