

The Essex County Council (Windermere Drive and Various Roads, Great Notley) (20mph Speed Limit) Order 202*

Statement of Reasons

Windermere Drive and its associated roads form part of the White Court Estate situated in Great Notley. In terms of the ECC Functional Route Hierarchy, Windermere Drive and its associated roads are all local roads, whereby the aim of those roads is to support a balance of motorised and non-motorised road users. There are several sites on the estate that generate pedestrians and/or vulnerable users including the schools, play and park areas. A number of bus services operate on London Road which provides access to the estate and run between Chelmsford and Great Notley.

Queries had been raised about introducing a 20mph on the White Court Estate as neighbouring estates already had 20mph speed limits/zones and it was felt that this estate was similar in nature to those and a 20mph would support the schools here. Two speed surveys were conducted as part of the validation for this proposal and on Windermere Drive the average speeds were recorded as 21.5mph & 20.9mph (Sep 2021). Given the associated roads are shorter and generally cul-de-sacs it was felt the average speeds on these roads would likely be similar or slower.

A 20mph speed limit is proposed to create a safer environment, minimise the likelihood and severity of collisions, and promote a calmer residential atmosphere. It would also support active travel methods such as walking and cycling and improve overall quality of life for all who live on and use the White Court Estate.

The scheme is being funded through the Braintree Local Highway Panel and is supported by its members. Further information about the Highways Panel and the way they operate can be found here:

<https://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Local-Highway-Panels.aspx>