

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

Statement Of Reasons

Southernhay is a local road located within the area of Lee Chapel, Basildon.

Within the carriageway lies an existing taxi rank of approximately 120m in length. The proposal has been commissioned and is supported by ECC Passenger Transport team and are seeking the conversion of part of the long bank of Taxi rank to Bus Stands, as there are none at all in the bus station. Buses are already having to use this area unofficially. In reality, the eastern end of the stands is too far away from the station entrance to be of interest to the taxi drivers. The bus stands will also double up as rail replacement bays which are also not provided.

Currently in this area, buses are having problems with being unable to park for longer periods of time as the existing infrastructure only has 'bus stops' (whereby passengers get on/off the bus) and not 'bus stands' which allow for buses to park and stop for a period of time. This area has high pedestrian levels due to the proximity of Eastgate Shopping Centre, Basildon Town Centre and Basildon Train Station. As such, the proposal seeks to provide a balance between the taxis and buses providing their respective services to the public, enabling the buses to 'stand' appropriately when required and in turn aim to regulate and provide a more efficient bus service.