

**The Essex County Council (Harlow District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places)
(Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.87) Order 202***

Statement Of Reasons

Commonside Road and Trotters Road, located in the Latton Bush and Stewards ward of Harlow, are urban local distributor roads linking multiple residential streets and serving two primary schools, namely Pear Tree Mead Academy and Latton Green Primary Academy . These schools and the residential area result in high peak time traffic volumes and pedestrian activity.

The route is served by bus service No. 4 and is reportedly known to be used as a cut through when congestion occurs on the PR2 route Southern Way. Particular concerns have been raised along Commonside Road whereby speeding and anti-social driving behaviour have been reported. Speed survey data obtained in 2022 demonstrated that whilst the average speed was recorded around 27mph, nearly 30% of vehicles were exceeding the 30mph speed limit. One serious injury related collision has occurred on Commonside itself in the past 3 years, whereas one serious and one slight injury related collisions have occurred in the vicinity.

Whilst there are existing traffic calming measures in the form of speed cushions, it has been raised that these are insufficient in height and consistency. This proposal consists of removing the existing speed cushions and installing 5 sets of speed cushions. To ensure the bus services can operate, No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow line) waiting restrictions are also proposed around the cushions to ensure that parked cars do not obstruct the routes. In addition to these works, it is also proposed to reinstate bollards at priority chicanes to deter obstructive parking, refreshing road markings and installing new or improved signage to increase visibility and driver awareness. The aim of these measures are to reduce speeds and improve the overall environment, particularly for those using Active Travel methods such as walking, cycling and scooting.

The scheme is being funded through the Harlow 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>