

**The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting,
Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking
Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.61) Order 202***

Statement Of Reasons

Manor Street runs eastwards from Braintree town centre housing the Braintree Museum, Bus Interchange and neighbouring Library and Town Hall. There is also a parade of shops along Manor Street at its western end but further eastwards the area is residential in nature. Currently the parade of shops mainly consists of takeaway restaurants served by delivery drivers during their opening hours. In terms of the ECC Functional Route Hierarchy, Manor Street is a 30mph local road, whereby their aim is to support a balance of motorised and non-motorised road users.

Prior to December 2021 there was a Limited Waiting bay outside the takeaway restaurants which allowed the delivery drivers to park. In December 2021, the existing waiting restrictions on Manor Street were changed in order to create a Restricted Parking Zone and No Loading at any time area unless there are signed bays present. The area outside of the takeaway restaurants was subject to this Restricted Parking Zone & No Loading at any time area too. Concerns have been raised that these current restrictions result in the delivery drivers parking in this area in order to operate however this means they are parking illegally here. Due to this situation, it is proposed to reinstate the Limited Waiting bay outside of the parade of shops for the hours of 5pm to 11.30pm. By proposing to reinstate the Limited Waiting bay it is hoped that the businesses here and delivery drivers will be able to operate and park legally.

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>