

The Essex County Council (Various Roads), (Channels Development, Broomfield) (20mph Zone) Order 20**
The Essex County Council (City of Chelmsford) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.28) Order 20**
The Essex County Council (Various Roads), (Channels Development, Broomfield), Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 20**

Statement of Reasons

20mph Zone

The County Council is proposing to implement and to introduce a 20mph Zone Speed Limit Order to reduce vehicular speeds and improve road safety for residents and pedestrians.

It is Essex County Council's policy that new housing estate roads are constructed to ensure, as far as is possible, that vehicle speeds are 24mph or below. This is done via the introduction of a 20mph zone and a variety of physical measures.

The roads on this estate have been constructed in accordance with this policy and a 20mph zone is proposed to reinforce the physical measures which include speed tables, cushions, traffic signs and bends.

This order conforms to Essex County Council Policy including the Essex Design Guide and Essex Speed Management Strategy, and as contained within the Highways Act 1980 Section 38 Agreement.

No Waiting

The purpose of said restrictions will be to deter drivers from parking along the roadside near to the junctions along the bus route. Subsequently this will protect the bus route and allow public service vehicles to manoeuvre with ease and maintain a smooth traffic flow as well as increase visibility, sight lines and accessibility.

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

The closure of Belsteads Farm Lane was identified in the Outline Planning application for the Channel Development as necessary. The Parameter Plans, 05 Traffic Circulation and 06 Footpath and Cycle Links was submitted and approved as part of outline application 10/01974/OUT.

The approved application shows that a section of Belsteads Farm Lane would be closed to vehicular traffic and available for pedestrians and cyclists.

Alternative estate road routes are provided within the development to accommodate vehicular traffic, leaving a clear route through the northern section of the Channels development along the alignment of Belsteads Farm Lane available as a safe walking and cycling route.

The permanent closure of this section of Belsteads Farm Lane to vehicular traffic is in line with planning approval granted in October 2012. The TRO process formalises the approach approved at Planning.