

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Limebrook Way, Ben Cobey Avenue, A414 Wycke Hill Roundabout) (20mph Zone & 40mph Speed Limit) Order 20**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**20MPH Speed Zone**

The County Council is proposing to implement a 20mph Zone 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 at or below 20mph. This is done via the introduction of a 20mph zone and a variety of physical measures.

The road on this estate has been constructed in accordance with this policy and a 20mph zone is proposed to reinforce the physical measures

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.

**40MPH Speed Limit**

Back in 2019, Under the Hadley Gardens' planning conditions, the developer (Taylor Wimpey) were required to instigate a speed review strategy throughout the proposed development's surrounding area. This was to be carried out with a view to regulate the speed to a more appropriate level for urban development.

Subsequently Road Safety Audits were carried out, which recommended various roads within the Hadley Gardens development should be reduced to a 40mph speed limit.

A section of carriageway from the Wycke Hill roundabout leading into Ben Cobey Avenue was unfortunately missed. It is proposed to introduce a 40mph speed limit on a section of Ben Cobey Avenue at its junction with A414 Wycke Hill roundabout for a distance of approximately 31 metres in an easterly direction. This in line with the already existing 40mph speed limit on Wycke Hill roundabout.