

The Essex County Council (A120, A1250 Dunmow Road, Birchanger Lane, Birchanger) (Restricted Road and 50MPH Speed Limit) Order 202* and The Essex County Council (Uttlesford District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.15) Order 202*

Proposed Introduction and Conversion of Footway to Unsegregated Shared Footway/Cycleway – A120, A1250 Dunmow Road, Birchanger Lane, Birchanger Staggered Toucan Crossing - A120, Birchanger

Statement of Reasons

Following a request several years ago, and due to the following Orders expiring prior to sealing, the statutory Order making process is being restarted which involves re-advertising this scheme, to enable a current consultation with affected residents and properties to be undertaken.

The scheme has been proposed to enable inclusive growth by improving access to Stansted airport and supporting planned housing development plans.

The A120/A1250 and Birchanger Lane junction proposal is constrained by third party land, which means that there is insufficient space to provide infrastructure fully compliant with standards for a road subject to the national speed limit (60mph). There is insufficient time within the funding window to obtain the third-party land. Furthermore, given that:

- A change in speed limit helps to provide warning to drivers of a change in road environment;
- Existing 12-hour mean speeds are 47mph on the A120 on the junction approach
- It is recommended that 50MPH speed restriction is introduced, which allows for lesser design parameters to be used.

At present there is nothing to prevent drivers parking on the approach to the proposed signals. It is proposed to introduce a clearway restriction to ensure that the signals are not obstructed by parked vehicles to operate safely and efficiently.

Off road provision on the A1250 will be made for cyclists to allow them to cross the A120 at a controlled facility with on road provision on Birchanger Lane. This will make it easier and safer for cyclists to access the cycle network to the north of the A120, including the recently refurbished route to Stansted.

Following the measuring of the proposed 50MPH speed limit on Birchanger Lane, it has been established that the length of the existing restricted road restriction between the B1383 Stansted Road and Duck End is incorrect. Based on this the new speed limit order will rectify this error and ensure the signs on site match the written description. This is a paper exercise, and no changes will take place on site.