

**The Essex County Council (Harlow District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.36) Order 202\***

**The Essex County Council (Old Road, Harlow) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 202\***

**The Essex County Council (River Way, Harlow) (Restricted Road) Order 202\***

**The Essex County Council (A1184 Cambridge Road/Old Road Junction) (Prohibition of Right-Hand Turn) (Revocation) Order 202\***

**The Essex County Council (River Way and A1184 Cambridge Road) (Banned Turns) Order 202\***

**Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing – River Way at its junction with the A1184 Cambridge Road, Harlow**

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **Proposed ‘Prohibition of Motor Vehicles’ on Old Road, Harlow**

Works to enforce the vehicle prohibition notice will include the use of retractable bollards, which will restrict access to authorised vehicles only and will prevent unauthorised vehicles from transiting the proposed prohibition area. The existing 30mph speed restriction will not be changed.

The ‘Prohibition of Motor Vehicles’ on Old Road from its junction with The Hoo, northwest for a distance of approximately 60 metres has been awaiting implementation for a number of years and responds to residents’ concerns about both historical short cuts through Old Harlow and the impacts of new developments along the Gilden Way Corridor. It is accepted that some trips will need to be slightly longer as a result depending on which side of the closure you are but the overall benefit to the wider area outweighs the occasional disbenefit.

For many years residents through Old Harlow have been requesting something is done about the levels of ‘rat running’, short cuts between Cambridge Road and Gilden Way through Old Harlow and in particular along Old Road exiting at Mulberry Green and vice versa. We managed to secure some money from developers of Gilden Park (located on Gilden Way) to implement a scheme to mitigate the matter. Alongside work associated with M11 J7a (the banning of right turns into Mulberry Green), the proposal being delivered as part of the funding for the Cambridge Road/Riverway junction will complete this removing these through movements.

### **Proposed ‘No Stopping at Any Time 24hr Clearway’, and Extension of ‘30mph Speed Limit’, by virtue of street lighting on River Way, Harlow**

To facilitate the proposed new road junction from the current termination point for the Clearway and 30mph Speed Limit of the existing River Way, and the construction of a new Signal Controlled junction creating a new, left hand in and right hand out only junction between Cambridge Road and River Way, inclusive of offsite ancillary access.

### **Proposed 'Prohibition of Left-Hand Turn' at River Way/A1184 Cambridge Road junction, Harlow**

This new junction is only going to provide for vehicles to turn right with no provision for left turners, so therefore, right turns out and left turns in. This from consultations with businesses on the estate is the primary movement towards the M11 (and the new M11 Junction 7a). There was also concern that if the new junction allowed left turns it could encourage short cut through the estate towards Sawbridgeworth rather than use the A414. In addition, Herts County Council (and parish councils in Herts) were concerned that if left turns were permitted, more, HGVs in particular, could be encouraged through Sawbridgeworth and Bishop's Stortford towards the M11 Junction 8.

Although the road is being built with a tight bend to restrict the left-hand turn from River Way onto the A1184 Cambridge Road, the Traffic Regulation Order will be created so that it is an enforceable prohibition. This, it is hoped, will stop Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) and other vehicles from trying to exit River Way by heading northwards onto the A1184 Cambridge Road, as this is a dangerous manoeuvre.

### **Proposed 'Prohibition of Right-Hand Turn' A1184 Cambridge Road/River Way Junction, Harlow**

This prohibition of right-hand turn will, it is hoped, stop vehicles from making a dangerous manoeuvre from the A1184 Cambridge Road, onto River Way, Harlow which could cause accidents, and congestion on the A1184 Cambridge Road.

### **Proposed 'Prohibition of Left-Hand Turn' westbound at River Way/Private Access to Warehouse Facility, Harlow**

This prohibition of a left-hand turn into the private access serving the warehouse facility (currently occupied by Hoddesdon Distribution) will prevent vehicles from making an unsafe/dangerous manoeuvre from River Way into the private access serving proposed lorry parking facility in close proximity to the mainline signal controlled junction. The Traffic Regulation Order will be created so that it is an enforceable prohibition.

This new private access junction will provide for vehicles to turn left when leaving the proposed lorry park. Vehicles exiting the lorry park and joining River Way will be under signal control linked to new River Way/Cambridge Road junction arrangement. Limited right turn access from River Way into the proposed lorry park is permitted as part of the scheme.

### **Proposed 'Prohibition of Right-Hand Turn' southbound on the A1184 Cambridge Road/Private Access to Warehouse Facility, Harlow**

This prohibition of right-hand turn will prevent vehicles from making a dangerous manoeuvre from the A1184 Cambridge Road into the private access serving proposed lorry parking facility at rear of the warehouses in Templefields (current occupier Hoddesdon Distribution) which could cause accidents and congestion on the A1184 Cambridge Road.

## **Signal Controlled Pedestrian Crossing – River Way at its junction with the A1184 Cambridge Road, Harlow**

We are replacing the Old Road traffic signals at the same time as the installation of the new signals at the River Way junction and this is specifically to allow these two sets of signals to be synchronised so that they work effectively as a single junction avoiding any bottlenecks caused by having the two junctions close together.