

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Great Bentley, and St. Osyth)  
(Combined Speed Limits) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

The B1027 is located both in Colchester and Tendring District areas providing a link between Wivenhoe to the west and Clacton-on-Sea to the east. The Essex County Council roads hierarchy classes the route as a Priority 1 Route (PR1) and Priority 2 Route (PR2). The B1027 is a PR1 between its junctions with the B1028 and the B1029 link to Brightlingsea, to the east is a PR2. County Routes provide the main traffic distribution functions in the area and give priority to motorised road users.

The B1027 has a bus service with several bus stops and parking areas opposite the housing clusters, generating low levels of pedestrian movement at different locations including school children using school transport.

A 40mph speed limit on B1027 Flag Hill was proposed by the Tendring Local Highway Panel (LHP) previously however further to a fatal road collision it has been decided to extend the original proposal. A fatal road collision occurred on the northbound approach to Frowick Lane on 6th December 2022. At the Inquest the Coroner queried whether the Highway Authority had any planned improvements following the fatality and the original 40mph proposal was discussed. By proposing to extend the 40mph speed limit restriction south, road users looking to turn right into Frowick Lane would then be covered by a 40mph speed limit instead of a derestricted one when stationary whilst waiting to turn and when crossing the southbound carriageway. It is therefore proposed to extend the original 40mph speed limit restriction proposal from 510 metres to 700 metres.

The scheme is being funded through the Tendring 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>