

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Great Totham)  
(Restricted Roads and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

Prince of Wales Road, Maypole Road, and Kelvedon Road are classified as Priority 2 Routes (PR2). The current carriageway speed limit on these roads is the National Speed Limit, with no street lighting in the area.

Maypole Road is a busy route around the Wickham Bishops and Great Totham area, which links Great Totham to nearby villages, and Maldon to the south.

The Safety Engineering team undertake an annual review of collision records with a view to identifying treatable collision patterns across the road network. The 2019 annual review identified the junction of Kelvedon Road/Prince of Wales Road/Maypole Road as a site requiring further investigation following one serious injury collision and three slight injury collisions in the previous 3-year period.

The junction is between the three Priority 2 Route (PR2) roads named with a local road (Back Lane) also connecting although none of the collisions involved vehicles using Back Lane. Following a feasibility study which identified that installation of a roundabout or a more formalised staggered junction would be disproportionately costly a revised junction layout affecting traffic turning from Maypole Road to Kelvedon Road was proposed to the Maldon Local Highways Panel. The Panel decided not to proceed with this option and proposed a 40mph Speed Limit covering the junction to help reduce speeds at the junction preventing accidents and also reduce speeds heading into the village. Speed surveys were conducted in the vicinity of the junction which identified average speeds less than 40mph and 85%ile speeds slightly over 40mph suggesting good ongoing compliance with the 40mph Speed Limit.