

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Great Bentley) (20mph Zone, Restricted Roads & 30mph Speed Limit) Order 202\*.**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

**20 mph:**

The County Council is proposing to implement and to introduce a 20mph Zone Order to reduce vehicular speeds and improve the pedestrian environment.

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 24mph or below. This is done via the introduction of a 20mph zone and a variety of physical features.

The road on this estate has been constructed in accordance with this policy and a 20mph zone is proposed to reinforce the physical features which includes speed cushions/raised tables/bends/tight bends. This order conforms to the Essex Design Guide and the Highways Act 1980 Section 38 Agreement for this development.

**30 mph:**

As part of the planning application condition for the development and increase to the number of homes at Gordon Lord Close, Great Bentley (off Weeley Road), it is proposed to extend the existing restricted road (30mph speed limit) further eastward for 54 metres from the current position. The extension of the 30mph limit will support the new development access on Gordon Lord Close and the existing residential vehicle crossings at the location. In addition, the scheme is beneficial to improve road safety for all road users validated by the ECC.

The proposed measures are intended to reduce vehicle speeds and potential collisions.