

**The Essex County Council (Epping Forest District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.33) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Loughton Station is located in Loughton, a town in the Epping Forest district of Essex, England. It is part of the London underground's central line and serves as a key transportation hub in the area. The surrounding area features a mix of residential and commercial spaces, making Loughton station a central transport link for both residents and visitors in the Epping region.

Vehicles are using the bus lane to drive through to the station and park along the northern side of the 'loop' Buildout layby within the turn area for buses and taxis. Vehicles parking in this area cause obstruction for buses and vehicles, causing them to overrun the kerbs causing a high risk of collisions with pedestrians and other vehicles. Parked vehicles at this location are also causing obscured visibility issues for all users.

The proposed introduction of the 'No Waiting at Any Time' restriction on Station Approach is to be implemented on the northern side of the 'loop' build-out. The proposed restriction is in alignment with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and funded by Essex County Council Network Operations to improve Loughton Station bus interchange.

The overall scheme proposals aim to provide buses with an unimpeded access when exiting the station by removing the parked cars along the build-out area. The reduction in congestion of this turning head will give clearer visibility for buses and taxis as well as giving an improved area for cyclists and pedestrians to access the station. The removal of the parked vehicles at the turning head will improve journey times for buses exiting the station as buses are not needing to negotiate vehicles obstructing the exit turning head.

The improvement to the area reduces the risk of damage to the surrounding kerbing, traffic islands, lighting infrastructure, drainage systems and the buses themselves caused by buses previously over running the central islands causing damage. The reduction in damage to the interchange area would improve access for all users to the station as there would be a reduced need to carry out maintenance work and repairs to the aforementioned features.