

**The Essex County Council (Harlow District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping)  
and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area)  
(Amendment No.60) Order 202\***  
**Implementation of Raised Table – Hodings Road, Harlow**  
**Implementation of Parallel Crossing – Hodings Road, Harlow**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

As part of its Safer, Greener, Healthier initiative, Essex County Council (ECC) has secured more than £5 million of funding from the Government's Active Travel Fund 4 (ATF4) for walking and cycling schemes in Basildon, Chelmsford, Colchester, and Harlow. It is the aim of ECC to develop a network of walking and cycling links to support future growth in the area and give people alternative options to car use, particularly for short journeys.

These schemes are supported by Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs), as set out in the Government's Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. These are long-term plans which look at cycling and walking improvements required in the local area, aiming to increase the number of trips made on foot or by cycle, reduce car usage and improve air quality.

In Harlow, the ambition is to deliver new cycling and walking routes in the east/west of Harlow and the town centre where significant regeneration and future developments are planned. The Harlow LCWIP Route 9 Scheme has been proposed through the LCWIP for Harlow and will be funded through ATF4.

The current cycleway/footway between Netteswell Orchard and Elizabeth Way is a largely off-carriageway, two-way, kerbed cycleway and footway which is separated from the road via a verge. The route is uneven and in poor condition which reduces the comfort for people walking and cycling and makes the route less attractive. It is poorly signposted which can restrict use for people who are not familiar with the route. There is also overgrown vegetation in places causing unnecessary hazards to users as well as poor lighting and inadequate crossing facilities.

The Scheme proposes to upgrade approximately 2.3km of cycleway and pedestrian footway facilities between Netteswell Orchard and Elizabeth Way. The Scheme includes widening and resurfacing of the existing cycleway/footway, improved street lighting and two new/upgraded crossings. Upgrading the crossings will provide priority to the flow of cycles and pedestrians along the route and improve safety by increasing driver's awareness of the crossing point and slowing vehicle speeds down on the approaches.

The crossings are the subject of this TRO and include the following elements:

**Hodings Road (East) Parallel Crossing:**

Upgrade existing raised table informal crossing at the junction of Hodings Road (eastern junction) with Fourth Avenue to a Parallel crossing for cyclists and pedestrians.

Advanced warning signs on both approaches.

Improved street lighting in the surrounding area to ensure full visibility at the crossing.

**Hodings Road (West) Raised Table and Priority Junction:**

Upgrade existing informal crossing point at the junction of Hodings Road (western junction) with Fourth Avenue to a raised crossing with priority for cyclists and pedestrians.

Raised table top length is 15 metres to ensure the route is still accessible for the local bus service along Hodings Road and Hobtoe Road.

Removal of a short length of the residents parking bay on the western side of Hodings Road replaced with a no waiting at any time restriction (via double yellow lines) to ensure vehicles can safely negotiate the priority junction.

Advanced warning signs on both approaches to indicate that there is a road hump and a cycle route ahead.

Illuminated give way signs at the crossing point.