

The Essex County Council (Colchester City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.58) Order 202*
The Essex County Council (Olympic Boulevard, Myland) (Bus Gate) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Waiting Restrictions

The proposed parking restrictions on Olympic Boulevard aim to address the issue of double-sided parking along Olympic Boulevard, which hinders the free movement of vehicles. By implementing these restrictions, the flow of traffic along Olympic Boulevard will be improved, ensuring smoother and safer travel for all road users.

Currently, there are existing “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions in place on Olympic Boulevard. However, these restrictions were installed without an accompanying Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). To comply with legal requirements, the road markings will be partially removed and updated as part of this proposal.

Additionally, there is a plan to introduce bus services along Olympic Boulevard. To accommodate this, the existing two bus stop clearways will remain in place, ensuring uninterrupted access for public transport services.

This proposal also serves as a retrospective measure to formalise the traffic signage and restrictions that have been in place for several years. Formalising these measures through a TRO will enhance road safety and ensure the correct use of the road layout by all motorists.

Bus Gate

Following a recent directive from the Integrated Passenger Transport Unit, a bus service is set to operate along Olympic Boulevard. As a result, the previously advertised “No-Entry” proposal for this location will be withdrawn from the scheme to accommodate the new bus service.

The introduction of a formal Bus Gate is intended to restrict the use of Olympic Boulevard as a general through route while still permitting buses and taxis to operate along this direct route. This measure is designed to prioritise public transport and taxi services, ensuring efficient and reliable travel for passengers while minimising unnecessary traffic on the road.

Currently, the developers of the site have installed an informal Bus Gate as part of their Planning Conditions. However, this setup lacks the necessary legal backing of a valid Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). To ensure compliance with regulations and provide enforceable measures, the Bus Gate will be formalised through this proposal, supporting the effective management of traffic and enhancing public transport services in the area.