

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Great Bentley)
(Combined Speed Limits) Order 202***

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The scheme relates to a new access road, Cinderpath Way, off Plough Road for a new housing development of up to 150 residential dwellings. It also includes installing two new bus stop facilities along Plough Road.

The reason for the adjustment of the existing speed limit is that the new junction is positioned on the same location as the existing gateway feature with a 30mph speed limit sign face. Therefore, the existing gateway feature is proposed to be relocated roughly 31 metres south from its original position, including the speed limit. This follows the guidance in accordance with the Essex Speed Management Strategy, village speed limits.

A further reason for proposing the new location is to provide sufficient visibility to road users travelling the northbound lane, as a mature tree will obscure the gateway/traffic sign face if positioned north of the tree.

Relocating the gateway feature/village speed limit sign will improve the environment for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.

The new bus stops, with a “No Stopping at Any Time Except Buses” restriction to be erected along Plough Road northbound and southbound carriageways, are roughly 53 metres and 40 metres respectively from the new access. The reasoning for this feature is so that residents can use the facility to travel into town, thus encouraging people to travel by public transport rather than use their own vehicles. It provides a safe space for pedestrians/passengers to embark and disembark the buses. The installation of the two new bus stops is a planning condition which the development must adhere to.