

**The Essex County Council (Colchester City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places)
(Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.69) Order 202*
Implementation of a Zebra Crossing on Bowes Road**

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Essex County Council are delivering the Healthy School Streets schemes to improve safety for all residents, children, and visitors to the area.

Providing red route parking restrictions will provide a safer route to/from Millfields primary school for pupils and parents walking or cycling and reducing congestion around the school. These restrictions will replace the existing school zig zags markings and Junction protection parking restrictions and can be enforced by mobile camera vehicles. This will allow more regular visits than walked officer enforcement therefore helping improve compliance and be more efficient.

The single (no stopping at certain periods) red line sections will replace the present yellow school zig zag markings and are being extended along Bowes Road north up to the junction with Rectory Hill and South to the junction with Milford Close. These will be operational between 8:15 and 9:15am and 2:45 and 3:45pm Monday to Friday to address inconsiderate parking and congestion which occurs during school drop off and pick up times and adversely impacts those living, walking, and cycling along the street. A section on the east side of Bowes Road, north of the school entrance towards Rectory Hill, has been left unrestricted for those needing to park a vehicle near the school.

Double red (no stopping at any time) lines are to be provided at the junction with Rectory Hill, to replace the existing double yellow lines. These are being provided to address dangerous parking at this junction and will help maintain good visibility here at all times for vehicles and those walking and cycling.

Best practice from around the UK suggests that increased and improved pedestrian infrastructure encourages residents and their children to increase walking to school, as a good alternative to them using cars. This in turn leads to a reduction in levels of traffic, air pollution, and pressure on our network.

Bowes Road runs directly past Millfields Primary School and is used by the children going to and from the school from the surrounding area, as well as other residents of the area. There are currently no formal crossing facilities on Bowes Road.

The proposed Zebra Crossing would make traversing the road much safer, would have the support of the neighbouring schools, and was specifically requested by the Millfields Primary School.

The revised parking proposals have been consulted upon and developed with input from the school, parents, residents, and local councillors.

The implementation of the proposals will help to provide a safer area for those walking, cycling, or driving near the school.