

The Essex County Council (Chelmsford City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.71) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

In 2022 planning permission was granted by Chelmsford City Council (Ref: 22/00473/REM) for a new railway station to be built on the Great Eastern Main Line.

It is anticipated that the new station will improve transport links in the area, reducing car journeys into the city and improving facilities for rail users.

In order to support the station, Countryside Zest, the developer for the Beaulieu development, will be undertaking the proposals.

- It is proposed to alter and widen the existing access road to New Hall School from White Hart Lane to accommodate a two-way bus link. This will join Beaulieu Park Railway Station.
- In addition to facilitating buses accessing to and from Beaulieu Park Railway Station, the road will continue to provide one-way access to New Hall School from White Hart Lane.
- A 3.5 metre shared cycle path and footway is proposed to run from Burnell Gate, along the northeast and northwest edge of the Beaulieu Park Recreation Ground and then continue northeast along the edge of the Wharton Drive dwellings and the edge of the Deer Park. This shared path would then run parallel to the bus link and cross The Avenue, facilitating connection with the shared path provided as part of Beaulieu Parkway Station.

This location is part of a new principal link road providing access to a new train station called Beaulieu Park Station. To the west of this location is The Avenue, which currently does, and will continue to serve as an access road to a private school called New Hall School. To the east of this location will be the primary route for all users to access the new train station.

The proposal provides a whole new transport hub as part of the station development. This includes Bus stop, rail replacement centre, taxi and public pick-up points, large car parking areas and connecting cycling and pedestrian infrastructure.

The implementation of the proposals will help prevent through-traffic along the whole of the principal link road as the Bus Gate (which will be advertised at a future date) will only allow buses to travel through it. The implementation of the proposals will provide a safe and navigable route for buses to use to swiftly get to their next destination. This in turn will help to promote this type of sustainable mode of travel.

This proposal has been agreed at planning under condition number 6 of application number 22/00473/FUL.