

**The Essex County Council (Harlow District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area)
(Amendment No.74) Order 202***

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Installation of a Disabled Parking Bay:

Essex County Council is aware that some Essex residents require a Disabled Parking Bay marked on the Highway outside of their home in order to help reduce the distance they need to travel between their home and their vehicle.

Essex County Council will consider providing such bays for residents with a valid Blue Badge and a vehicle registered to the property. The bays proposed in this order are required for residents who meet these criteria. Although Disabled Parking Bays are installed for specific individuals, any Badge Holder may benefit from them.

Removal of a Disabled Parking Bay:

Disabled Parking Bays are installed in primarily residential areas for specific individuals, however any Badge Holder may benefit from them. Once we have been notified that the original applicant no longer needs the Disabled Parking Bay, redundant bays are removed in order to return the space to the Highway, enabling any vehicle to park there.

Upgrade of Disabled Parking Bays

It has been reported that the Blue Badge Holder registered to these disabled parking bays have been experiencing problems parking, and their mobility issues mean that it is extremely difficult for them to be without a parking area close to their home. Therefore, it is proposed to upgrade the Advisory Bay to an enforceable Disabled Badge Holders Only Bay in order to allow the original applicant to park on the Highway closer to their home to help reduce the distance they need to travel between their home and their vehicle. It is proposed that any existing parking restriction should be revoked where necessary in order to facilitate the upgrade of the Disabled Parking Bay.