

**The Essex County Council (A133 Clingoe Hill (Westbound) Colchester)
(Bus Lane) Order 202***

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Essex County Council are delivering The North Essex Rapid Transit System Section C to become safer, greener and healthier by making it easier and safer to walk or cycle, reducing traffic congestion, cutting air pollution and improving physical and mental wellbeing.

This will be done along A133 Clingoe Hill by implementing a westbound bus lane. The segregated bus lane will ease traffic congestion and provide the public with an alternative way to travel.

It is not proposed that vehicles other than “local buses” are permitted to use this lane as other vehicles should not have the ability to trigger the priority measures and the traffic signals, which would hold general traffic and cause unnecessary delay to users of the A133 Clingoe Hill. This could create a significant congestion issue and could negatively affect the public image and attractiveness of the proposals, and air quality in the area due to additional idle vehicles.