

Proposed Toucan Crossing, Signalised Toucan Crossing, and Footway/Cycle Track – A133 Clingoe Hill / St. Andrew's Avenue, Colchester

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Essex County Council are delivering the North Essex Rapid Transit System, Section C to create a safer, greener and healthier travel route by making it easier and safer to walk or cycle, reduce traffic congestion, cut air pollution and improve physical and mental wellbeing for residents and highway users.

The core of the scheme will be to deliver infrastructure that enables improved journey times and reliability for the mass transit vehicles using the corridor and pedestrian and cycle facilities alongside and across the A133 Clingoe Hill.

On the A133 Clingoe Hill / St. Andrew's Avenue improved pedestrian and cycle route crossing facilities will be provided at the western (Greenstead roundabout) end, along with an upgraded two-way shared use cycle/footway route installed alongside the eastbound carriageway from Greenstead roundabout for approximately 282 metres.

The new and upgraded crossing points will aid safer pedestrian and cycle movements crossing the A133 Clingoe Hill and provide a better-connected route.

The upgraded shared footway/cycleway will also give those cycling, a safer alternative to riding on the carriageway and provide improved and a more continuous route in this part of Colchester.

Shared use cycleway/footways are separated from carriageways or other traffic areas by features like kerbs, barriers, or designated space. By providing a dedicated space, it can improve the perception of safety and encourage more people to cycle. The primary goal is to minimise the potential for collisions between cyclists and other road users, especially motor vehicles.