

The Essex County Council (A130 Bypass between A12 Chelmsford and A132 Runwell, East Hanningfield, West Hanningfield, Sandon, Galleywood, Great Baddow, and Rettendon) (50mph Speed Limit and De-Restriction) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

There have been 8 injury collisions on this section of the A130 Northbound within the review period (01/01/2020 to 31/12/2022). Of these 8 incidents, several were attributed to slow moving/stationary traffic queueing towards the A12 Interchange at Howe Green.

The A130 Bypass Northbound approaching the Howe Green Interchange has high unimpeded approach speeds (currently, the National Speed Limit applies), with three traffic lanes on a long straight approach to the junction. Depending on unpredictable traffic conditions at the junction and on the A12 itself, unanticipated queues and/or slow-moving northbound traffic can extend southwards on the A130 anywhere up to 4,000 metres prior to the roundabout, leading to northbound vehicles travelling at high speed suddenly encountering much slower or stationary traffic, resulting in the identified collision problem.

Following collision data analysis of various measures to address the collision pattern on the A130 Bypass Northbound approaching the Howe Green Interchange, the introduction of a 50mph Speed Limit and associated signs on the northbound carriageway of the A130, over a distance of approximately 4,000 metres leading up to the Howe Green Interchange (A12 Junction 17) is being proposed.