

The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Newport, Stansted Mountfitchet, Ugley, Wendens Ambo, Great Chesterford, Littlebury, Quendon, and Rickling,) (Combined Speed Limits) Order 202*
Proposed Implementation of a Toucan Crossing on Bury Lodge Lane

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Bury Lodge Lane is a rural, National Speed Limit Road located adjacent to Stansted Airport. The southern section of the lane provides vehicular access to airport-related parking facilities, while the northern section serves the village of Burton End. Notably, the road lacks pedestrian footways along its length until it reaches the village.

However, the area benefits from the presence of Bridleway 60 Stansted Mountfitchet, which runs broadly parallel to both the M11 and Bury Lodge Lane. This bridleway connects directly to Bury Lodge Lane towards its northern end, offering a potential route for non-motorised users.

As part of the proposed commercial development in the vicinity, and in conjunction with the installation of a Toucan Crossing on Bury Lodge Lane, there is a requirement to upgrade the Bridleway. The proposed improvements include:

- Widening of the bridleway to accommodate shared use by pedestrians and cyclists.
- Surface enhancements to ensure year-round usability and accessibility.
- Visual and functional improvements to encourage greater uptake by non-motorised users.
- A reduction in speed limit from 60mph to 50mph in the vicinity of the toucan crossing.
- These changes aim to provide a safe, attractive, and direct connection between the proposed toucan crossing and the development site, significantly improving overall connectivity for pedestrians, cyclists, and equestrians.

In summary, the toucan crossing will serve as the only safe crossing point on Bury Lodge Lane, that along with the bridleway upgrade and subsequent connection, acts as a critical component of the active travel infrastructure associated with the development.