

The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.59) Order 202*

The Essex County Council (Rectory Lane, Rivenhall, Witham) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Prohibition of Motor Vehicles

Rectory Lane is a single-track rural road with no street lighting or footways. It has been designated as a Quiet Lane which aims at prioritising the safety and enjoyment of walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and other vulnerable users. It links Rickstones Road with Forest Road and as part of Phase 4 Land North East of Witham development there will be an additional cycleway which will link from the new development into Rectory Lane where there is an existing cycleway to the new Bluebells development off Rickstones Road. The prohibition will remove the potential for motor vehicles to use Rectory Lane as a through route between Forest Road and Rickstones Road and improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists. This is particularly important with the increased development in the area and potential use of this road as cut through which it is not suitable for. This will be achieved by altering the road geometry at the Forest Road end so vehicles cannot access it and providing suitable signage and bollards.

Access to properties in Rectory Lane will be maintained via Rickstones Road and a turning area provided to enable refuse vehicles and other expected vehicles to turn in advance of the prohibited section.

The proposal will benefit vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders and reduce the level of traffic, which will improve safety and help to encourage recreational and local travel on foot or by bicycle.

No Waiting at Any Time (Double Yellow Lines)

The proposed 'No Waiting at Any Time' Restrictions are required to support the proposed 'Prohibition of Motor Vehicles' Traffic Regulation Order which will remove the potential for motor vehicles to use Rectory Lane as a through route between Forest Road and Rickstones Road and improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists.

The proposed No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions will help to ensure that the turning head will be kept clear of parked vehicles to ensure that it can be used for its purpose as a turning head.

This proposal was previously advertised in 2021 but it expired before being implemented.