

**Proposed Upgrade of an existing Pelican Pedestrian Crossing
on North Station Road, in the City of Colchester.**

**Essex County Council (Colchester City) (Prohibition of Waiting,
Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street
Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.81) Order 202***

Statement of Reasons

We are preparing to upgrade the signalised pedestrian crossing on North Station Road, south of John Harper Street. The area surrounding the crossing comprises a mix of residential and commercial properties and forms part of a key route between Colchester's northern transport hub and the city centre. Due to its proximity to North Primary School & Nursery and Colchester Station, the crossing is frequently used by school children, families, commuters, and visitors. It also supports pedestrians and cyclists travelling along the wider north-south active travel route. Given the number and variety of users, the crossing plays an essential role in ensuring safe and reliable movement across this busy section of the highway.

The current signal equipment requires replacement before it becomes unreliable and fails to operate correctly. The existing equipment, including poles and signal heads, is nearing the end of its serviceable life. The new installation will use modern LED signal technology and extra-low-voltage equipment, improving energy efficiency, reducing maintenance requirements, and increasing long-term reliability. This upgrade supports our commitment to reducing carbon emissions while ensuring the crossing is equipped with current technology.

As part of this upgrade, the pedestrian crossing will be relocated 0.8 metres to the north. This adjustment is necessary to avoid interference with an existing fire hydrant and to ensure the installation meets all safety and operational standards. To facilitate this relocation, we will remove 4.9 metres of existing double yellow line restrictions to the north of the crossing and replace them with the required zig-zag road markings for a controlled pedestrian crossing. To the south of the crossing, we will install 1.6 metres of new double yellow lines to maintain consistent parking restrictions and ensure the safe operation of the revised layout.