

The Essex County Council (A131 Mount Hill, A131 Bournebridge Hill, and Oak Road, Halstead) (Combined Speed Limits) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

As part of the planning permission granted under 24/02300/REM for up to 200 residential dwellings to be constructed alongside a new right hand turn lane and junction onto Bournebridge Hill, Halstead, it is proposed to extend the existing 40mph speed limit along the frontage of the site, thereby reducing the speed limit from 60mph to 40mph.

This is an existing Priority 1 Route (PR1) route in which speed survey data has been obtained, the 85th percentile speeds have been recorded at 42.7mph northbound & 45.6mph southbound.

The speed limit extension will be included as part of the developers required works on the existing highway. It has been recommended during a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit (RSA), for the speed limit fronting the access to be decreased to encourage it to be used safely and appropriately.

There is provision of a new right turn lane, in which the speed limit should also be reduced to make certain that it is compliant with Design Manual for Roads and Bridges standards. In addition, and as a result of the new development, this will also ensure compliance with the Essex County Council (ECC) speed management strategy for a 40mph road.

The benefit of introducing a speed limit reduction is encouraging road safety to be adhered to when the access becomes operational. This will also help improve the environment for cyclists entering the new development.

All costs associated with the implementation of this proposal will be covered by the Developer.