

**The Essex County Council (Basildon Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting,
Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places)
(Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.56) Order 202***

STATEMENT OF REASONS:

The A129 Southend Road is a Priority 1 (PR1) County Route which may be inter-urban or connecting routes, radial feeder or town centre access routes. What is important is the need to maintain free flowing traffic movement on them due to the function they perform within the network that forms a key transport corridor through Basildon, carrying high volumes of vehicular traffic, including buses and heavy goods vehicles. The A129 Southend Road provides access to nearby residential properties, local businesses and other community amenities. The area experiences typical local traffic activity associated with school movements and commuter travel.

A review of recorded personal injury collision data across 3 years at the junction of Outwood Common Road with A129 Southend Road and Grange Road has been undertaken. It has identified a recurring pattern of right-turn collisions involving vehicles both entering and egressing from Outwood Common Road/Southend Road. In response to these identified road safety concerns, junction improvement measures are proposed to improve visibility, driver comprehension and vehicle manoeuvring at this staggered priority crossroads. As part of the scheme, amendments to the existing signing and lining arrangement are required to facilitate the correct positioning of a bifurcation arrow (A bifurcation arrow road marking is a directional arrow used to indicate the correct path of travel where traffic movements diverge or split) and to ensure compliance with the highway guidance.

To accommodate these changes, the extent of the existing crossing-controlled area will be reduced by removing the zigzag markings, and waiting restrictions introduced along the southern kerb line of Southend Road by means of No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines). These measures are intended to deter obstructive parking, maintain clear visibility splays, promote the free flow of traffic through the junction, and contribute to the reduction of collision risk for all road users.

This scheme is being funded through the Essex Highways Casualty Reduction programme.