

The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Halstead) (Restricted Road and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 202*

**The Essex County Council (Edwards Avenue, Halstead)
(20mph Zone) Order 202***

Statement Of Reasons

40mph Speed Limit

Essex County Council are proposing to introduce a 40mph speed limit within Tidings Hill, Halstead as part of a new development in the area, in order to reduce vehicular speeds and improve the pedestrian environment.

The new development falls within the section of Tidings Hill, Halstead, a local road which is currently 60mph and a narrow, single-track road with limited passing points. It is anticipated the proposed speed limit will facilitate the new development access, and deter higher vehicle speeds, enabling better access/egress to the new development.

With no provision of pedestrian footways within the vicinity of the proposed speed limit reduction, it is predicted the 40mph speed limit will improve the safety for pedestrians walking to reach Leeches Lane and the Public Right of Way (PROW 22) opposite Oak Road.

20mph Speed Zone

As a new development in accordance with the Essex Design Guide a '20mph Zone' will be applied to the above lengths of road. This will facilitate a safer pedestrian environment and improve safety for all residents, children, and visitors to the area.

It is Essex County Council's policy that new housing estate roads are constructed to ensure, as far as is possible, that vehicle speeds are 20mph or below. This is done via the introduction of a 20mph Zone and a variety of physical measures.

The roads on this estate have been constructed in accordance with this policy and a 20mph Zone is proposed to reinforce the physical measures which includes Raised Tables, Speed Humps, Speed Restraining Bends, and Buildouts.