

The Essex County Council (Braintree District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.38) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

This scheme was first advertised in February 2025, when it included a 20mph restriction and 'No Waiting Monday to Friday 10am-11am' Restrictions proposals, the 20mph was accepted and ultimately went on to be enforceable.

The initial proposal involved the installation of single yellow line restrictions aimed at deterring commuter parking. However, this approach received multiple objections from local residents, particularly due to the exclusion of visitor parking bays from the restrictions. Additionally, the enforcement of the restrictions was not thought to be maintainable.

Limited waiting was not seen as an acceptable way to control the use of car parking spaces and the policing of these, if they were installed, would simply be too time consuming for enforcement officers and a waste of valuable resources. It was also considered to be an extremely low enforcement priority; Enforcement are actively seeking to change this measure where they can to something that can be policed more efficiently and effectively.

As an alternative, North Essex Parking Partnership proposed a permit parking zone, which would allow for more targeted enforcement. However, this proposal was declined by Stakeholders who "are of the view that permits are too much for the location and adds an extra complication in terms of monitoring. Their view is that the site should be yellow lined to include the visitor parking bays."

Given the lack of consensus and the need to ensure safe access to the development, we plan to proceed with the proposed installation of double yellow lines around the main access off (B1024) London Road (which was part of the initial proposal). Although the new proposal will include an additional 15 meters into Willow Gardens, ensuring clear visibility and safe turning movements for all road users. This solution prioritises road safety while minimising disruption to residents and visitors.

Understanding that parking management is a sensitive issue, If the proposal is implemented we will continue to monitor the situation post-implementation. Should further measures be required in the future, we will engage with all stakeholders to explore appropriate solutions.