

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Stapleford Abbots)
(40mph Speed Limit) Order 202***

Statement Of Reasons

This proposal to amend the speed limit along Stapleford Road is made in relation to the development known as "High House Farm" which has planning approval under reference EPF/0524/20. The existing 50mph speed limit in Stapleford Road was raised as a problem during the Stage 1 and 2 Road Safety Audit arranged for the development. During the site visit, the Auditor witnessed overtaking manoeuvres on approach to the access serving the development.

Being relatively straight in alignment, on a long gradient (downhill southwards), and between sections of lower speed limits where overtaking opportunities are limited, there is a concern that the existing 50mph speed limit encourages high speed overtaking and may result in injuries/collisions of all types. It has therefore been recommended by the Auditor to extend the existing 40mph southwards in Stapleford Road to the existing 30mph speed limit to the south. This will replace the 50mph speed limit.

This proposal seeks to promote safety within the vicinity of the development and benefit all road users by creating a more consistent and controlled traffic environment. It should be noted that this proposal is to be entirely funded by the developer and the taxpayer will bear no cost in the delivery. The developer has agreed to arrange post-construction speed surveys to determine whether additional measures are required to support compliance with the amended speed limit.