The Essex County Council (Dunton Road, Basildon) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 202*

Statement Of Reasons

Dunton Road is a Priority Route 2 (PR2) classified route west of Basildon, where a national speed limit section transitions into a 30mph speed limit. The proposal arises from an approved residential development of 269 dwellings and two new vehicular access junctions on Dunton Road.

The proposed Traffic Regulation Order will relocate the existing 30mph terminal point approximately 68 metres westwards, extending the 30mph limit. This follows recommendations from a combined Stage 1 and Stage 2 Road Safety Audit, which identified concerns relating to vehicle speeds, forward visibility, and the risk of rear-end collisions associated with queuing traffic at the new junctions.

Extending the 30mph limit will encourage earlier speed reduction on the approach to the development, improving safety and ensuring vehicle speeds are appropriate for the available visibility and operation of the new access points. The proposal will be supported by gateway measures, including relocated terminal signs, speed roundels and “dragon’s teeth” road markings, to reinforce driver awareness and compliance.

The extended 30mph limit reflects the changing character of the road from rural to residential, supports the safe integration of the new development, and will help reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions. The proposal is therefore considered a necessary and proportionate measure in the interests of road safety and the public interest.