

**The Essex County Council (Braintree Road, Great Bardfield)  
(40mph Speed Limit) Order 202\***

**The Essex County Council (Deer Park View, Great Bardfield)  
(20mph Zone) Order 202\***

**Statement Of Reasons**

**40mph Speed Limit**

This proposal to reduce the speed limit along Braintree Road is in relation to a new housing development which has planning approval under reference APP/Z1510/W/16/3148072.

The existing speed limit (60mph) was raised as an issue during the Stage 3 Road Safety Audit due to the presence of a rigid gabion headwall structure within the ditch arrangement either side of the new residential access. This change is to reduce the speed on the approach to the proposed new residential access.

Overall, this proposal seeks to improve safety and reduce the risk of collisions with the rigid structure and also tail-end shunts with slowing or emerging vehicles from the junction.

It should be noted that this proposal is to be entirely funded by the developer, and the taxpayer will bear no cost in delivery.

**20mph Speed Zone**

As a new development in accordance with the Essex Design Guide a '20mph Zone' will be applied to the 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 Speed cushions, and Speed Restraining Bends.