

Essex County Council (Epping Forest District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.55) Order 202*

Statement of Reasons

Broomstick Hall Road is in the Epping Forest District, and it is a PR2 County Route which provides the main traffic distribution function in the area and gives priority to motorised road users. This area is predominantly urban residential with the site adjacent to King Harold Business & Enterprise Academy which serves children aged 11-16. Broomstick Hall Road forms part of a number of bus routes with a bus stop directly outside of the Academy. It is also a few miles from the M25.

At the present time, Broomstick Hall Road has Red Routes in place deterring parking in the vicinity of the Academy. Red Route - No Stopping at Any Time restrictions (double red lines) cover the Academy access and the junctions of Broomstick Hall Road with Brookside & Galley Hill Road. Red Route - No Stopping Mon-Fri 8.15am-915am & 2.30pm-3.30pm (single red line) restrictions exist between the junction areas.

This proposal was raised by the Epping Forest Local Highway Panel as a result of concerns in respect of people crossing the road here. The Local Highways Panel (LHP) requested that a crossing point be investigated. A zebra crossing may be suitable where there is a need for a crossing, and pedestrian numbers and vehicle flows are moderate. The 85th percentile traffic speed should not exceed 35 mph either. In 2021 a check was undertaken to establish how many people cross at this point and it determined that there were sufficient crossing movements to consider a zebra crossing. In addition, a speed survey check was also undertaken to ensure existing traffic speeds were suitable for a zebra crossing. The 85th percentile traffic speed was 31.4mph and an average daily speed at the proposed crossing point was 26.7mph with an average weekday (Mon-Fri) speed of 26.2mph. Due to these results and subsequent design checks, a zebra crossing is proposed in the vicinity of King Harold Business & Enterprise Academy.

The proposed Red Route - No Stopping at Any Time restrictions (double red lines) aim to deter vehicles from parking in the vicinity of the proposed zebra crossing and remove obstructions to through traffic. The proposed Red Route No Stopping Mon-Fri 8.15am-915am & 2.30pm-3.30pm restriction facilitate the introduction of a zebra crossing by way of revoking (removing) the existing waiting restrictions from the proposed zebra crossing site and replacing them with the zebra crossing zig zags.