

The Essex County Council (Colchester City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.77) Order 202*

Statement of Reasons

Clay Lane Grove is designated as a local road within the road network hierarchy and functions as a cul-de-sac. It terminates at St John's Church of England Primary School and is bordered by a small number of residential properties and private driveways.

Currently, no stopping (School Keep Clear) and no waiting (single yellow line) restrictions apply during school drop-off and collection times (08:30–09:30 and 14:45–15:45, Monday to Friday).

The need for this intervention arises from a significant increase in traffic and parking demand following the opening of a nursery and the expansion of after-school activities. Unregulated parking on the existing restrictions has created blind spots, reduced visibility, and introduced hazards for pedestrians, especially children. Residents have experienced frequent obstruction of driveways, leading to inconvenience and potential conflicts. Furthermore, the lack of clear restrictions compromises access for emergency and service vehicles.

The primary objective of introducing a Red Route on Clay Lane Grove is to improve overall road safety by reducing risks associated with indiscriminate parking and congestion near the school entrance. The measures aim to ensure unobstructed access for emergency services, residents, and school transport throughout the day, while also enhancing traffic flow and minimising delays caused by vehicles stopping or waiting along the road. Additionally, the proposal supports sustainable travel by creating a safer environment for walking and cycling, particularly for pupils and parents.

The scheme is being funded through the Colchester Local Highway Panel and is supported by its members. Further information about the Highways Panel and the way they operate can be found here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Local-Highway-Panels.aspx>