

**The Essex County Council (Tendring District) (Prohibition of Waiting,
Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street
Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.59) Order 202***

Statement of Reasons

The A1331 improvement scheme includes a comprehensive package of pedestrian, cycle, and equestrian infrastructure designed to support safe, convenient, and sustainable north–south and east–west movements across the corridor. The scheme delivers a Toucan and Pegasus crossing, segregated and shared use routes, and enhanced connectivity to existing and future development areas. These measures are necessary to ensure that the transport network accommodates all users and aligns with national and local policy objectives promoting active travel.

The scheme provides a Toucan and Pegasus crossing to enable safe crossing of the A133 for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders, Segregated north–south pedestrian and cycle facilities adjacent to the new link road, Shared use connections where the route ties into the wider network, an east–west equestrian link from Tye Road to Turnip Lodge Lane via the new Pegasus crossing.

These facilities are required to support north–south movement between development parcels and existing communities. Improve east–west connectivity towards Elmstead Market. Provide safe, inclusive, and accessible routes for all non-motorised users. Integrate the development with the surrounding area in a manner consistent with sustainable transport principles.

The provision of high quality pedestrian, cycle, and equestrian routes is directly aligned with national guidance (e.g., LTN 1/20) and local transport policy, which require developments to prioritise active travel. The A1331 corridor is a key movement route, and without these facilities, safe and direct non-motorised travel would be severely constrained. The infrastructure is proportionate to the scale of development and essential to ensuring that future travel demand is met sustainably rather than through increased car dependency.

The design intentionally uses segregated facilities where high flows of pedestrians and cyclists are expected—specifically along the north–south link road—to minimise conflict and improve comfort. Shared use sections are only applied where the route integrates with the existing wider network, which already operates on a shared basis. This approach ensures continuity, avoids abrupt transitions, and reflects established best practice for blending new infrastructure with legacy routes.

Equestrian movements are an established part of the local network, particularly between Tye Road and Turnip Lodge Lane. The Pegasus crossing provides a safe, formalised crossing point for riders who would otherwise be required to navigate a high speed, high volume road environment. The east–west equestrian provision ensures that existing rights of way and riding routes remain connected and usable, preventing severance and maintaining the safety and welfare of riders and horses.

The scheme is designed to balance the needs of all users. The Toucan and Pegasus crossing is timed and located to minimise disruption to vehicle flow while ensuring that

vulnerable road users can cross safely. Providing safe alternatives to car travel reduces long term pressure on the road network, supporting smoother traffic flow overall. The infrastructure therefore complements, rather than competes with, vehicular improvements.

Demand is often suppressed until suitable infrastructure is provided. The A1331 scheme supports new development, meaning usage will grow as the area evolves. The facilities are therefore a forward looking investment that ensures the transport network is resilient and fit for purpose.

The pedestrian, cycle, and equestrian facilities—including the Toucan and Pegasus crossing—form an essential part of the A1331 scheme. They ensure safe, direct, and inclusive movement for all users; maintain and enhance connectivity to Elmstead Market and surrounding areas; and integrate the development into the wider transport network. The design responds proportionately to anticipated demand, aligns with policy requirements, and addresses potential concerns through a balanced, evidence based approach.