

The Essex County Council (Tendring District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.60) Order 202*.

The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Dovercourt, District of Tendring) (Speed Limit) Order 202*.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Essex County Council in partnership with Tendring District Council is proposing a package of streetscape improvements as part of a Dovercourt Capital Regeneration Project, to be funded by the central government's Levelling Up Fund.

The scheme aims to deliver a series of improvements along the Kingsway corridor to help revitalise the town centre. The proposed scheme will create a more inviting route along B1414 Kingsway between Dovercourt railway station, the town centre, and the seafront, helping make the town centre an even more attractive place to live, work, shop and visit.

It is an important initial phase of a programme of regeneration of Dovercourt town centre and is aimed at realising the vision set out in Tendring District Council's Dovercourt Town Centre Masterplan.

The proposals form part of the Dovercourt Public Realm Scheme and include amendments to existing on-street parking controls to balance the needs of all highway users and improve accessibility for motorists, Blue Badge holders, pedestrians, and cyclists.

Feedback from the informal engagement indicated that on-street parking is an important facility for local residents, businesses, and visitors. To reflect this, the proposals do not reduce the overall level of limited-waiting provision within the area. Where existing bays are affected by other elements of the scheme, additional limited-waiting bays are proposed through extensions or relocations to ensure no net loss of provision.

It is proposed to extend the existing limited-waiting bays on Kingsway near the junction with Marine Parade, opposite Kingsway Hall, near Nelson Road, and on Station Road. These extensions offset the removal of limited-waiting bays outside the library and in locations where new disabled bays are proposed, helping to maintain convenient short-stay access to local services and facilities.

Two new disabled parking bays are proposed as part of the scheme, with one bay provided on the north side of the Kingsway / High Street junction to assist access to nearby shops, and a second bay near the library to support access to the library and the services it provides.

As well as the provision of on-street parking places, it is intended to implement no waiting at any time restrictions to prevent parking across existing vehicle accesses and at junctions to provide a consistent approach along Kingsway.

The initial proposals also included the introduction of 20mph speed limits on B1414 Kingsway, B1352 High Street and neighbouring streets. These measures required approval from the Cabinet Member in accordance with the Essex Speed Management Strategy and Highways Policy Note 040 – 20mph Permanent Speed Limits and Zones in Urban and Rural Areas.

The Cabinet Member for Highways and Infrastructure has decided not to pursue these measures, and they have therefore been removed from the proposals.

During the review of the existing speed limits, it was identified that Pattrick's Lane and Station Lane do not have sufficient street lighting to qualify as restricted roads subject to a 30mph speed limit. However, due to the nature of the surrounding urban environment, it was deemed inappropriate for the existing national speed limit to be kept as it is. As a result, the proposals include the introduction of a 30mph speed limit on these roads to maintain a consistent speed limit through the area.