

The Essex County Council (Castle Point Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.18) Order 202*

Statement Of Reasons

A13 Kiln Road junction with Bradley Avenue is situated in Castle Point district. Under the Essex Route Hierarchy the A13 Kiln Road is classed as a Priority Route 1 (PR1). A PR1 County Route is defined as being an inter-urban or connecting route, radial feeder or town centre access route that is required maintain free flowing traffic movement due to the function they perform within the network. Bradley Avenue is classed as a local road which supports a balance of motorised and non-motorised users usually in an urban residential environment as in this case. Both A13 Kiln Road and Bradley Avenue are subject to a 30mph speed limit and A13 Kiln Road also has a number of bus stops/routes serving Basildon, Canvey Island, Rayleigh & Southend on Sea. A13 Kiln Road also has a number of local shops/parades along its length as well as Castle Point Council Offices and Seevic College in the vicinity of the site which generates a lot of pedestrian movement.

There is a convenience store on the corner of A13 Kiln Road junction with Bradley Avenue. Due to its location and opening hours, it attracts both local and through traffic all day every day. Whilst there is an access/parking area to the rear of the store, it is reported that vehicles use the footway to the front of the store to park upon. Concerns have been raised in respect of this practice as vehicles are mounting/dismounting the kerb from A13 Kiln Road in order to park. This vehicle behaviour causes an obstruction issue and potentially a safety issue with pedestrian encountering moving vehicles. Previously as the site was used by a heating/plumbing company, it did not generate as much vehicle movement.

Due to the concerns raised, Castle Point Local Highway Panel have requested that bollards are installed outside of the shop to deter vehicles parking on the footway. Given that the bollards could result in vehicles being parked in the carriageway, it is also proposed to introduce No Waiting at Any Time (double yellow lines) along the A13 Kiln Road and Bradley Avenue junction to keep it clear for traffic movement. A new limited waiting parking bay is proposed for 'Mon-Fri 9am-4pm 1 hour No return within 2 hours' on Bradley Avenue to provide a parking place for those using the convenience store. To facilitate the limited waiting parking bay, a small section of residential parking bay will also be removed.

The scheme is being funded through the Castle Point 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>