

The Essex County Council (Uttlesford District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.40) Order 202*

Statement of Reasons

Parsonage Road is a Priority 2 route within the Essex Highways Route Hierarchy, performing an important distributor function between Takeley, Stansted Airport and the wider strategic highway network. The route accommodates significant volumes of airport-related traffic, public transport, pedestrians and cyclists, whilst also serving adjacent residential and commercial development. It has been reported that persistent parking practices associated with Stansted Airport users, including long-stay parking and vehicles waiting to collect passengers, has resulted in vehicles parking on the verge and footway, obstructing pedestrian movement, damaging highway infrastructure and creating road safety concerns. Existing informal measures have proved ineffective, and enforcement alone is unlikely to provide a long-term solution.

To improve highway safety, maintain the free flow of traffic, deter obstructions and protect pedestrians, it is proposed to introduce:

- “No waiting at any time” (Double Yellow Lines) on Parsonage Road from the junction with Mill Race Drive roundabout, north until the southern side of mini roundabout prior to Coopers End roundabout.
- “No stopping at any time” (Double Red Lines) to be installed on Parsonage Road from its junction with Dunmow Road north until the Mill Race Drive roundabout.
- Bus stop clearways

These measures aim to deter inappropriate airport-related parking and waiting activity, improve accessibility and visibility, prevent damage to the highway verge and footway, and support the safe and efficient operation of this important transport corridor.

The scheme is being funded through the Uttlesford Local Highway Panel and is supported by its members. Further information about the Highway 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>