

The Essex County Council (Harwich Road (east) and Harwich Road (west), Great Bromley/Little Bentley) (40mph & 50mph Speed Limit) Order 201*

Statement of Reasons

The introduction of the new A120 roundabout improvement at the junction with Harwich Road to address collisions at this location has resulted in consideration of the highway safety for all arms of the roundabout.

That length of Harwich Road (East) where it connects back into the existing alignment has led to a new highway geometric alignment which is below that required in Highways England's Design Standards for Roads and Bridges.

In order to mitigate the risk of loss of control collisions, the following measures have been included to enhance the safety of this link to the roundabout: lighting, road marking, signing and appropriate planting and vegetation clearance.

The application of this 40mph speed limit for Harwich Road (east) further enhances the mitigation measures proposed to ensure observation of appropriate speed in the interest of highway safety.

The 40mph speed limit will also present a stepped approach from the national speed limit along this length of Harwich Road (East) to the 50mph speed limit on the A120.

That length of the newly aligned Harwich Road (West) will have a 50mph speed limit applied 38 metres prior to the roundabout so that drivers can reduce speed to navigate the circulatory and also this is the limit that will be applied to the A120.