

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Chigwell) (Restricted Road & 40MPH Speed Limit) Order 201\***

**Statement of Reasons**

Following the Road Safety Audit prompted by five personal injury collisions at this location since 2014 including one resulting a fatality, we are proposing to extend the current 40mph limit further north east to encompass the junctions that form the entrances to the commercial site including the country club, golf course and health club.

It is expected that reducing the speeds of vehicles passing this intersection will increase the passing road user's awareness of this currently relatively hidden junction, and will enable more reasonable stopping distances to be maintained by those travelling on this section of the A113 Abridge Road.

Further to this a 40mph limit here will seek to ensure that vehicles leaving the commercial site will be better able to join the A113 Abridge Road at more reasonable speeds preventing the potential for erratic acceleration during peak traffic flow.

This is part of the larger scheme to provide safer exiting of vehicles from the commercial site on to the A113 Abridge Road. It is considered that a 40mph limit would not be an unnatural change to users of this road as it fits with existing limits.