

Upgrade of Existing Un-controlled Crossing to a Humped (Raised Table) Zebra & Parallel Crossing – Church Langley Way, Harlow.

Statement of Reasons

Previously an uncontrolled crossing point was provided, however due to the ongoing renewal programme of traffic signal junctions and crossings it has identified this junction as in need of renewal to ensure that the junctions continue to operate reliably and safely. Extra low voltage equipment and lower-energy LED signals will be installed where appropriate in order to reduce energy use and power consumption.

The proposed crossing includes a cycle crossing area 'parallel' to the zebra crossing area, which is marked by broken white lines. The crossing point will be upgraded and built on a raised table to provide a slowing effect on approaching traffic.

These proposals conform to Essex County Council policy on the selection of types of crossing and with Essex Walking Strategy, Parallel Crossings are a key part of Essex County Councils efforts to promote cycling in Essex as an alternative transport, and enable cyclists to cross roads safely and with the same level of priority as a zebra crossing gives a pedestrian. They are designed to make cyclists journeys easier and more reliable, giving them priority over all traffic on the road.

The proposed design will help to encourage more people to ride a bike by linking existing cycle routes between Minton Lane and Tickenhall Drive and removing interruptions.