The Essex County Council
(Byway 10, Newport) (Prohibition of Traffic) Order 202*

Statement of Reasons

This Order is proposed under Sections 1(1), 2(1)–(3) and Part III of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposal is to prohibit all motorised vehicles, cycles, and equestrians from Byway 10, Newport, while retaining pedestrian access. Following the construction of the M11, the Byway was severed, leaving approximately 60 metres - a limb connecting Wicken Road to Newport footpath 11.

The Byway has a surface that is highly susceptible to damage, particularly during wet conditions. Continued use by vehicles and horses has resulted in significant deterioration, creating hazards for pedestrians and increasing maintenance costs. Our duty as the highway authority does not allow us to close routes without suitable justification. As the byway is little more than a footpath and there is only continuous access for pedestrians, having the route from the road shown as a byway open to all traffic on maps and on the ground is misleading.

The restriction is necessary:

- To avoid danger to persons using the Byway in vehicles and on/with horses and prevent the likelihood of such danger arising.
- To prevent damage to the surface and adjoining land.
- To preserve the character and amenity of this rural route for walkers.
- To facilitate safe passage for pedestrians.

It is therefore felt prudent to have a Permanent prohibition and is considered proportionate and essential to protect public safety and the environment.