

**The Essex County Council (Harlow District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.75) Order 202\*.**

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

**Installation of a Disabled Parking Bay:**

Essex County Council is aware that some Essex residents require a Disabled Parking Bay marked on the Highway outside of their home in order to help reduce the distance they need to travel between their home and their vehicle.

Essex County Council will consider providing such bays for residents with a valid Blue Badge and a vehicle registered to the property. The bays proposed in this order are required for residents who meet this criteria.

Although Disabled Parking Bays are installed for specific individuals, any Badge Holder may benefit from them.

**Implement Disabled Permits**

It has been reported that the Blue Badge Holder registered to these disabled parking bays have been experiencing problems parking, and their severe mobility issues mean that it is extremely difficult for them to travel large distances between their home and vehicle. Therefore, it is proposed to implement a Disabled Permit in order to allow the original applicant to park on the Highway closer to their home in order to help reduce the distance they need to travel between their home and their vehicle. It is proposed that the Resident Permit Holders Only parking should be revoked where necessary in order to facilitate the installation the Disabled Permit.

**Revoke Permit M Holders Only at Any Time**

Permit M Holder parking has previously been installed at these locations in order to assist eligible blue badge holders to park on the Highway closer to their homes. Once we have been notified that the original applicant no longer requires the bay, redundant bays are removed in order to return the space to the Highway, enabling any vehicle to park there. It is proposed that Resident Permit Holders Only parking should be implemented in place of the Permit M Parking where described in order to coincide with the existing restrictions.