

**The Essex County Council
(St Michael's Road, Hadleigh) (One Way) Order 202***

Statement of Reasons

St Michael's Road and Bramble Road are both classified as local roads within the established Essex County Council road network hierarchy. St Michael's Road has a limited number of residential properties fronting the carriageway, whereas Bramble Road runs through the centre of a residential area and is lined with multiple properties and retail establishments.

The junction connecting these two roads is currently configured with a grassed triangular traffic island, featuring two entry and exit points on either side. Both roads are notably narrow, and the sightline at the western point of the triangle—commonly used by vehicles exiting onto Bramble Road—is severely restricted due to a property located at the corner of St Michael's Road and Bramble Road, which is bordered by a large hedge. This obstruction forces drivers to encroach onto Bramble Road's carriageway in order to safely negotiate the junction. Concerns have been raised, that with the increasing volume of traffic in both directions, this junction has become progressively hazardous.

To mitigate these concerns, the proposed intervention involves a minor reconfiguration of the existing grassed triangular traffic island and a change in the traffic flow system from two-way to one-way operation. This adjustment will provide additional space for vehicles to manoeuvre and improve visibility, thereby ensuring a more efficient connection between St Michael's Road and Bramble Road.

The scheme is being funded through the Castle Point Local Highway Panel and is supported by its members. Further information about the Highways Panel and the way they operate can be found here: <https://www.essexhighways.org/Transport-and-Roads/Highway-Schemes-and-Developments/Local-Highway-Panels.aspx>