

The Essex County Council (Epping Forest District) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.61) Order 202*

Statement of Reasons

Newmans Lane is in the Epping Forest District, and it is a PR2 County Route which provides the main traffic distribution function in the area and gives priority to motorised road users. This area is predominantly urban residential. Hedgers Close Synagogue and Oak View School, a Special Education Needs school catering for children aged 3-19, are in the vicinity. A parade of shops is also opposite the junction of Newmans Lane with Borders Lane and can be reached by a signalised crossing. The zig zags for the signalised crossing currently cover the junction area of Newmans Lane/Borders Lane. Newmans Lane forms part of a bus route serving the number 18/18C and has a number of bus stops on both sides of the road along its length. The bus routes serve a number of underground stations with Debden and Loughton stations being 1km and 1.5km away respectively.

At the present time, two bus stops – namely Durnell Way – are in operation on either side of the road at the southern end of Newmans Lane by its junction with Borders Lane. The bus stops do have “BUS STOP” cages marked out (yellow clearway) marking to show a bus stop is present and both have raised bus stop kerbing to assist with access. The inclusion of these stops on this consultation is to formalise restrictions that are already in place.

This proposal was raised by the Epping Forest Local Highway Panel further to a request from the Essex County Council Integrated Passenger Transport Unit (IPTU). They were receiving complaints in respect of parked vehicles obstructing access to the raised kerbs and bus stops on Newmans Lane. Due to the indiscriminate parking, people were unable to enter/exit the buses easily. Part of IPTUs role is to liaise and work with bus companies to ensure buses are able to serve communities regularly and efficiently and the parked vehicles were inconveniencing bus users and delaying running times.

The proposed No Waiting at Any Time restriction (double yellow lines) installation are proposed to facilitate the entry/exit for buses to the existing bus cages.

The scheme is being funded through the Epping Forest 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>