

**The Essex County Council (High Ongar Road Bridge No. 115, High Ongar) (Prohibition of Motor Vehicles) Order 201\***

**Statement of Reasons**

High Ongar Bridge ECC No. 115 carries a local road, High Ongar Road, over the River Roding, High Ongar, Essex.

An Assessment has been undertaken and found that the bridge is weak and showing signs of significant deterioration.

High Ongar Road serve 25 homes via two junctions with A414, Chelmsford Road. There are no businesses. The road is wide enough to turn around cars and light vehicles. It is considered that the risk to public safety of the weak bridge is significant and therefore an emergency road closure has been placed over High Ongar Bridge. This has been extended by an additional notice for an extra 18 months to allow time for consultation on this permanent Traffic Regulation Order.

To safeguard the general public and Essex County Council's asset, it is proposed to remove vehicular traffic from High Ongar Bridge ECC No. 115 and its junction to A414 Chelmsford Road. However access will be maintained for pedestrians and cyclists.

The 25 homes will be able to use the other junction of High Ongar Road which has good vehicle to vehicle visibility.