

**The Essex County Council (Benham Close, Goldhanger) (30MPH Speed Limit) Order 201\***

**Statement of Reasons**

Planning permission was granted on 14 August 2016 under MAL/13/00839/FUL for 14 new residential dwellings. It is Essex County Council's policy that new housing estate roads are constructed to ensure, as far as is possible, vehicle speeds are 24mph or below. Due to the rural nature of this site it was not considered appropriate to introduce a system of street lighting and associated traffic calming measures which is required to keep vehicles at speeds of 24mph or below.

Therefore we are progressing with this 30mph speed limit, which is the lowest speed limit that can be achieved given the site circumstances.

Although there is no street lighting and the speed limit of 30mph will be introduced, it is anticipated that the actual traffic speeds will be lower than this due to the layout of the road.

This order conforms to Essex County Council Policy including the Speed Management Strategy.