

**The Essex County Council (Various Roads, Thaxted)  
(Restricted Roads and 40mph Speed Limit) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

Bardfield Road is considered to be in a rural location and the proposed extension of the 30mph speed limit is in accordance with the Essex Speed management strategy which outlines that villages should be 30mph. With the provision of 17 new homes towards the eastern end of Bardfield Road it is considered that this is an extension of such village and therefore the 30mph limit should also be extended. To add, these new homes have direct frontage to Bardfield Road and as part highway works associated with this scheme, the street lighting is being extended along with the provision of an uncontrolled pedestrian crossing point.

The typical expected person to use this type of road may be a resident living along Bardfield Road or parents picking up their children from primary school as there is a primary school along Grange Street which joins onto Bardfield Road, and this measure is expected to benefit pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

The funding for this speed limit order is £10,200.00 and has been paid into Essex County Council (ECC) by New Home Bardfield Road Limited on the 07/05/2021, the TRO is not a planning condition, however it is noted as a recommendation within the Policy UTT\_17\_3571\_FUL-ECC\_HIGHWAY\_RESPONSE-3690524.

If the proposal is accepted for the extension of the 30mph speed limit before the new developments along Bardfield Road are completed, then this will be beneficial for pedestrians and vehicle users as the new development will be in a 30mph speed limit instead of a 40mph speed limit, reducing risk of collision, and improving safety for pedestrians and other road users.

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