

The Essex County Council (Colchester City) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.58) Order 202*
The Essex County Council (Olympic Boulevard, Myland) (No Entry) Order 202*
The Essex County Council (Various Roads (Olympic Boulevard) Myland) (20mph Zone) Order 202*

STATEMENT OF REASONS

20mph Zone

As a new development in accordance with the Essex Design Guide a '20mph Zone' will be applied to the above lengths of road. This will facilitate a safer pedestrian environment and improve safety for all residents, children, and visitors to the area.

The reason for the implementation of this speed restriction, is to ensure the speed of vehicular traffic, throughout the development, is kept to a minimum safe speed, especially in the shared surface areas where pedestrians and vehicles are travelling in the same road space. Having the development at this speed will help to improve the safety of all users, and to improve visibility and manoeuvrability.

It is Essex County Council's policy that new housing estate roads are constructed to ensure, as far as is possible, that vehicle speeds are 20mph or below. This is done via the introduction of a 20mph zone and a variety of physical measures.

The road on this estate has been constructed in accordance with this policy and a 20mph zone is proposed to reinforce the correct amount of traffic calming features and the physical measures stated in Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 document which includes Raised Tables, speed cushions and road narrowing's.

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Waiting Restrictions

The parking restrictions restrict double-sided parking on the Olympic Boulevard and allow free movement of vehicles along Olympic Boulevard.

Olympic Boulevard currently has two Bus Stop Clearways in place however, since there will not be any bus services along Olympic Boulevard these will be removed. There are existing No Waiting at Any Time Restrictions on Olympic Boulevard which do not have a Traffic Regulation Order against them. The road markings will be removed, in part.

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No Entry except Pedal Cycles

The No-entry except bicycles proposal is intended to prevent Olympic Boulevard from being used as a through road for motor vehicles. The prohibition is proposed in both directions of the Olympic Boulevard approximately 12 metres northwest of the junction with Mill Road for approximately 30 metres.

The developers of the site have currently put in place an informal bus gate on Olympic Boulevard as part of the planning conditions, however, it is agreed with the Essex County Council (ECC) strategic team that this will be replaced with a "No Entry" except cyclists since there will not be any bus services as previously proposed.