

The Essex County Council (Little Waltham Road, Little Waltham)
(Prohibition of Right Hand Turn) Order 20**

Statement of Reasons

Little Waltham Road is a single carriageway, unclassified 'No Through Road' serving a small number of private properties, agricultural and light commercial premises which is located opposite the new Beaulieu Park development.

The A130 is a PR1 route with high levels of traffic flow. Residents and visitors to the industrial estate and properties on Little Waltham Road are likely to be affected by the change. The A130 is a major connected route and one of the main ways to access Braintree from Chelmsford. There is a park and ride located approximately 1km from the affected junction. Beaulieu Park is opposite the junction and there are many amenities located near the development. The A130 is also used to access Broomfield Hospital.

A request has been received from the Road Safety Team and has been flagged as a casualty reduction scheme, due to a pattern of collisions at the junction.

Collision data is available on Traffweb. A study of personal injury collisions at this location indicates that there have been three incidents involving turning movements into or out of Little Waltham Road, including one car turning right across the central bus lane in contravention of the existing right turn prohibition, resulting in serious injury to a motorcyclist

The funding for the scheme has come from the Local Highways Panel for Chelmsford.

The proposal reduces the potential for collisions with drivers exiting Little Waltham Road, who have to cross a lane of oncoming traffic as well as a bus lane. There is a large roundabout to the north and it is considered safer to get drivers to turn around at this roundabout, than for them to turn right out of Little Waltham Road. A proposed traffic island is being designed to prevent vehicles from making the turn.

The main benefit of the scheme is a potential reduction of collisions.