

**The Essex County Council (A1245 Chelmsford Road, Rayleigh, in the District of Rochford) (40mph Speed Limit) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS:**

Planning permission was granted by Rochford District Council (relating to Application Number 18/01022/OUT and 20/01196/FUL) for the development and building of industrial and warehouse units at Michelins Farm site adjacent to the A1245 dual carriageway.

As the detailed design was developed and subject to safety checks, it was determined that a range of measures were advantageous to mitigate risk to all road users and help allow the safe entry and exit of traffic including slow moving heavy goods vehicles from and onto the existing A1245 dual carriageway. These measures included the introduction of a signalised junction, improved street lighting, carriageway surfacing, upgrades to existing signage and road markings and consideration of a lower speed limit commensurate with the proposals.

The extent of the proposed new 40mph northbound speed limit has been extended beyond the new signalised junction to include an area north of the railway bridge that will contain aspects of future improvements associated with the A127/A130 Fairglen Interchange project and provide a safer more easily understood speed limit for drivers.

The reduction of the speed limit along with other measures of mitigation are all contributing to creating a safer environment for highway users in the vicinity of the new junction.