

**The Essex County Council (B184 Thaxted Road, Wimbish, Uttlesford)  
(30mph Speed Limit) Order 202\***

**STATEMENT OF REASONS**

The B184 Thaxted Road (PR1 route) runs through the village of Wimbish with houses on both sides of the road. A request has been raised because of several non-statistical collisions and near misses reported by the residents where there is a high volume of traffic and either no footways or very narrow footways. This is making residents feel unsafe when walking through the village. Since communication into the possible introduction of the 30mph started, there has been a fatal collision along the stretch of road in question, although the causation factors were due to the driver having taken alcohol and drugs.

The Local Highways Panel (LHP) and local Stakeholders agreed that they would revisit a request made by Wimbish Parish Council in 2015 to reduce the speed limit through the village as a result of the new data.

Essex Highways recommended a 40mph speed limit, based on the speeds determined in the surveys and their belief is that a 40mph would be more appropriate, however on the basis of the Environmental & Social Management System (ESMS), indicating that a 30mph should be the norm in villages, it has been agreed that a 30mph is more appropriate. This will go towards helping to reduce traffic speeds which should encourage residents to use sustainable travel methods such as walking and cycling