

The Essex County Council (Colchester Borough) (Prohibition of Waiting, Loading and Stopping) and (On-Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement Area) (Amendment No.21) Order 20**

Statement of Reasons

Summary of the Location

A request was received in the 2017 financial year by some members of the public through a county member to install a new pedestrian crossing on The Commons, Colchester which is a local route in Essex's Functional Route Hierarchy and takes 4,128 vehicles per day.

The Commons is approximately 6.5 metres wide at the proposed zebra crossing site, and footways are approximately 1.85 metre wide either side. The existing speed limit is 30MPH and the area features street lighting. The proposed zebra crossing will replace the existing uncontrolled crossing at this location; however, it is repositioned to improve the visibility.

Reasons for the Proposed Changes

Personal injury collision data for the last five year period (01/08/2015 to 31/07/2020) has been reviewed and indicates there has been one serious injury collision within the extents of the scheme recorded by Essex Police.

Benefits of the Proposed Changes

A survey and feasibility study was conducted as part of a scheme validation process and it was found that the location meets the criteria for a pedestrian crossing at the location. Site assessments have determined that the proposed location will provide sufficient visibility for drivers. The final layout of the proposal has also been safety audited.

It will connect pedestrians between Van Dyck Road and Plume Avenue and also help children cross The Commons to Philip Morant College and School safely. There are bus stops on either side of The Commons and the proposed zebra crossing will allow pedestrians to safely cross the busy road.