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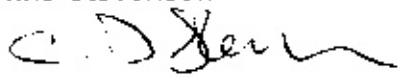
**Traffic Management Act 2004: network management in response to COVID-19
Ingatestone, High Street**

On 23rd May 2020 The Secretary of State for Transport issued further guidance to local authorities on the governments expectations of changes local authorities are to make to enable "significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians. Such changes will help embed altered behaviours and demonstrate the positive effects of active travel. I'm pleased to see that many authorities have already begun to do this, and I urge you all to consider how you can begin to make use of the tools in this guidance, to make sure you do what is necessary to ensure transport networks support recovery from the COVID-19 emergency and provide a lasting legacy of greener, safer transport."

In addition to this guidance Essex County Council (ECC) are also supporting District/Borough and City Councils as they facilitate the return to the high street of shops re-opening that have been closed due to the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions. As part of this exercise ECC and Brentwood Borough Council with Ingatestone Village representatives have been working together to identify measures to improve Ingatestone High Street for pedestrians and cyclists.

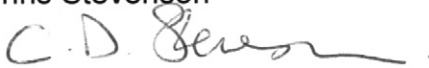
A 20 mph speed limit will be applied as detailed on the attached public notice and will be installed in the first instance as temporary for a 21 day period whilst traffic volumes are still below their pre Covid-19 levels and utilising the process under section 14(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. If effective in facilitating sustainable transport modes and maintaining a safer environment for road users particularly cyclists and pedestrians under the Covid-19 restrictions indicated by central government, it will be continued for an additional 21 day period (under an additional notice). During that period the Council will consider making a further temporary order under section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 that would extend the measures for up to 18 months. Finance in the first temporary phases will be from the initial bid funding of 1.9 million allocated by central government for immediate temporary measures the indicative cost for this scheme is £35,000. These measures are taking precedence over existing guidance in the Essex Speed Management Strategy / Traffic Management Strategy.

Under the initial 21 day period the measures may be removed or altered as their interaction with road users becomes more apparent as traffic numbers and road users increase. There is no requirement to consult on proposals under a section 14(2) notice however, in these exceptional circumstances comments are welcomed and a web site and email have been set up for this purpose (details on the public notice). All comments made will be considered to ensure informed decisions are made.

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If the decision is taken to extend these proposal for an additional period of time that will be undertaken as a key member decision.

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Equality Impact Assessment

Section 1: Executive Summary	
1.1	<p>Title of policy (or decision)</p> <p>Safer, Greener, Healthier Routes in Ingatestone – temporary measures in response to Covid-19</p>
1.2	<p>Describe the main aims, objectives and purpose of the policy (or decision)</p> <p>To implement a 20mph speed limit along Ingatestone High Street to facilitate the measures to reallocate road space enabling a safer road environment to assist social distancing as well as supporting High Street business as they re-open with the relaxation of the Covid-19 measures.</p> <p>What outcome(s) are you hoping to achieve? Refer to strategic aims / strategic priorities in Organisation Strategy</p> <p>To facilitate a safer road environment. To facilitate social distancing guidance as directed by Central Government. To assist shops and businesses as they re-open and follow the central government guidance on social distancing.</p>
1.3	<p>Is this a new policy (or decision) or a change to an existing policy, practice or project?</p> <p>This is an emerging situation as the County Council responds to the Covid-19 pandemic and complies with central government guidance to change the priority given to the car in towns and cities allocating space for sustainable forms of transport</p> <p>“ We recognise this moment for what it is: a once in a generation opportunity to deliver a lasting transformative change in how we make short journeys in our towns and cities. https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/reallocating-road-space-in-response-to-covid-19-statutory-guidance-for-local-authorities/traffic-management-act-2004-network-management-in-response-to-covid-19</p> <p>This Covid -19 rapid response response challenges the previous statements contained in the Essex Speed Management strategy and Essex Traffic Management strategy about the application of 20mph speed limits on county priority routes</p>

Section 2: Assessing the Equality Impact

Use this section to record how you have assessed any potential impact on equality groups. What is known about the population likely to be affected which will support your understanding of the impact of the policy (or decision)? Consider any consultation / data as supporting evidence (eg service uptake/usage, customer satisfaction surveys, staffing data, performance data, research information). An opportunity to explain impacts on specific protected groups is provided later on this form

[enter text]

Does or will the policy or decision affect:

Service users	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	
Employees	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	
The wider community or groups of people, particularly where there are areas of known inequalities	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	

Which geographical areas of Essex does or will the policy or decision affect (e.g. Borough/City/District/All Essex)

All Essex
Basildon
Braintree
Brentwood
Castle Point
Chelmsford

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Colchester
Epping Forest
Harlow
Maldon
Rochford
Tendring
Uttlesford

Will the policy or decision influence how organisations operate?	Y <input type="checkbox"/>	
Will the policy or decision involve substantial changes in resources?		N <input type="checkbox"/>
Is the new or revised policy linked to a digital service (website, system or application)?		N <input type="checkbox"/>

Please describe the steps you have taken to:

- meet the digital accessibility requirements
- test the accessibility of the website, system or application
- maintain accessibility once it has gone live

These changes are subject to the procedures identified under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and a statement made by Central Government to facilitate a consultation. Public notices will be posted on site and a web site has been created to disseminate information as well as informing residents through communication channels.

Section 3: Description of Impact

Description of impact	Nature of impact Positive, neutral, adverse (please explain your reasons)	Extent of impact Low, Medium, High (please explain your reasons)
Age	Neutral	Low
Disability – learning disability	Neutral	Low
Disability – mental health issues	Neutral	Low
Disability – physical impairment	Neutral	Low
Disability – sensory impairment	Neutral	Low
Gender / Sex	Neutral	Low
Gender reassignment	Neutral	Low
Marriage / civil partnership	Neutral	Low
Pregnancy / maternity	Neutral	Low
Race	Neutral	Low
Religion / belief	Neutral	Low
Sexual orientation	Neutral	Low

I confirm that I have considered the potential impact on all of the protected characteristics Y ☐

Describe any actions that have already been taken to mitigate negative impacts on any of the protected characteristics.

A lower speed limit will provide a safer road environment for all users