

Summary sheet

Colchester Road/School Road - Elmstead

A map has been included to highlight the area photographed and visited. The map also highlights if there have been any recorded accidents via Essex County Councils Traffweb site in the relevant road/street, although in some cases this would not necessarily relate to the request made.

Slight accidents are indicated by a green symbol, serious accidents by blue and fatal accidents by a red symbol.

Photographs are included to highlight parking conditions experienced during the site visit or have been alternatively supplied by the complainant.

Officer Recommendation

Photographs are supplied of the area during a typical weekday and depict the parking which occurs, typically associated with the Budgens convenience store.

A request has been received regarding the upgrade of current parking control measures, namely double yellow lines with a loading ban, to double red lines, with an extension to current lines to cater for an unrestricted section of highway which witnesses inconsiderate and double parking.

Double red route lines should ideally be installed to prevent parking where it is inappropriate and causes issues with sight lines when entering the junction of School Road from Colchester Road.

Large vehicle access and deliveries can be hampered with the parking which often occurs in the direct vicinity.

A goods vehicle loading only bay is also proposed which will ensure that deliveries to the Budgens store can occur at all times of the day but prevent others from using the asset.

There is car parking available on site for blue badge holders and adequate parking for other motorists a short walk from the convenience store.

The inconsiderate practices of some motorists serve to inconvenience a significant number of other Highway users and places increased risks to road safety by placing additional hazards on site, with accidents close by apportioned to the drivers being distracted by other road-based factors.

Whilst changes will not prevent all problematic parking, alternative restrictions require less maintenance and are generally complied with by a greater percentage of motorists.

