

Statement of Reasons – 20mph Speed Limit

The section of Terminus Road between the Ashford Road/Gildredge Road junction and Cornfield Road is currently the location for the main bus stops within the Town Centre. It is currently laid out as a conventional carriageway with footways and a number of bus stops and shelters on either side of the road.

Terminus Road has relatively narrow footways for a town centre location, especially adjacent to the bus shelters which leads to pedestrian congestion on the footways creating a crowded, noisy unwelcoming environment which is further emphasised by parked buses on both sides of the carriageway.

Eastbourne Borough Council and East Sussex County Council have been working together to identify a package of improvements to provide a high quality public realm environment along Terminus Road and its immediate environs. This has resulted in the Eastbourne Town Centre Improvement Scheme (ETCIS), which will see Terminus Road transformed into a modern town centre high street, with a welcoming pedestrian environment, offering spaces to relax, shop and socialise, encouraging greater footfall and supporting Eastbourne's commercial economy. Cornfield Road and Gildredge Road will also be enhanced, with an extensive repaving scheme.

In order to enhance pedestrian safety, a 20 mph zone will be introduced to the town centre. The following roads will be incorporated into the zone; Terminus Road, Cornfield Road, Gildredge Road, Mark Lane, Station Street, Hyde Gardens North, Hyde Gardens South (including access roads), Lushington Road, Lushington Lane, Connaught Road.