

STATEMENT OF REASONS

(A brief statement of the general nature and effect of the proposed traffic regulation Orders)

Title of the proposed traffic regulation Order:

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, HAVERSHAM) (50 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2024

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, under sections 84(1), (2) and (3), of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The general effect of the above proposed Order will be to introduce a 40mph speed restriction along part of A428 Bedford Road, Cold Brayfield in Milton Keynes.

Setting speed limits at the appropriate level for the road and ensuring compliance with these limits play a vital part in ensuring greater safety for all road users.

In accordance with Department for Transport guidance, it is expected that Local Highway Authorities keep speed limits under review with changing circumstances, gives consideration to the introduction of 50mph limits in rural roads that may have a relatively high number of bends, junctions or accesses and where the average (MEAN) speed is below 40mph, so that the lower limit does not interfere with traffic flow.

The average (MEAN) speed along part of the above road is **40.4mph**.

The introduction of the 40mph speed restrictions will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate safe pedestrian and cyclist movements.

The Councils statutory reasons for proposing the above traffic regulation Order are as follows: -

- 1) To maintain a safe environment throughout the road, particularly to encourage and facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movements along those parts of the road;
- 2) For avoiding danger to people or other traffic using the above roads, or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising.

The Council will continue to monitor the way in which highway facilities are used and address any issues that come to its notice and following meaningful consultation with all stakeholders do what it considers necessary to facilitate the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

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