Statement of Reasons

(A brief statement of the general nature and effect of the Order)

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (HARDMEAD, MILTON KEYNES) (30 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), and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The general effect of the above proposed Order will be to introduce a 30mph speed restriction along The Close and Hardmead Road in Hardmead.

As part of the assessment of the proposed 30mph speed limit, two Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) surveys were undertaken at locations along the Newport Road. This was in order to ascertain whether a 30mph speed limit would be enforceable and complied with by drivers. The survey demonstrated that the average vehicular speeds in both directions was between 27.2mph and 33.3mph, below the intervention level of 35mph.

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.

The introduction of the 30mph speed restriction will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate safe pedestrian and cyclist movements throughout Hardmead.

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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