

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

(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (VARIOUS ROADS IN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS) (20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ZONES) ORDER 2021) VARIATION ORDER 2025

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, under sections 82(2) and 83(2), 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 20mph speed zones in Caldecotte, Newport Pagnell, Oxley Park, Woburn Sands and Woolstone.

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 more 20mph limits and zones in urban areas and built-up village streets that are primarily residential.

The implementation of 20mph zones over a larger number of roads should be considered where average (MEAN) speeds are achieved below 24mph over a number of roads.

The introduction of the 20mph speed zones 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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