

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, BLETCHLEY) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND LOADING AND UNLOADING AND DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2020

Milton Keynes Council intends to make the above-named traffic regulation Order on an experimental basis for a period of 18 months.

The effect of the experimental Order will be as follows: -

1	Amend the no loading restriction on Queensway to include every Sunday between the hours of 8:00am and 6:00pm
2	Introduce three (3) disabled persons' parking bays on the east side of Bedford Street (between Queensway and Cawkwell Way)
3	Remove the no stopping except taxis restriction on the north side of Queensway (between Albert Street and Oxford Street) and replace with 1-hour limited waiting, no return with 2-hours, between 8:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Saturday
4	Remove the community transport permit parking place on the south side of Queensway (between Bedford Street and Westfield Road) and replace with Permit Holders or 2-hours limited waiting, no return with 2-hours, between 6:00am and 6:00pm Monday to Saturday

The Council is satisfied that the experimental restrictions are necessary to deal with the effects of coronavirus, to encourage social distancing and promote active travel.

The experimental restrictions are introduced under Sections 9 and 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, which allows Milton Keynes Council as the Highway Authority to implement measures to 'facilitate' the passage on the road and to 'avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising'.

The Council has a duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 when making TROs to consider the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and other traffic.

The Council considers it expedient to introduce the right turn restrictions:

- to facilitate the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic along Queensway and Bedford Street in Central Bletchley;
- for avoiding danger to persons using those parts of Queensway and Bedford Street in Central Bletchley or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising.

The Council will install traffic signs and road markings for the above experimental restrictions, in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations & General Directions 2016.

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