

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, MILTON KEYNES) (PEDESTRIAN ZONES) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2022 (No.2)

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

The general effect of the experimental Order will as follows:

- To introduce a prohibition of motor vehicles restriction on part of Bradwell Road outside Loughton Primary School between the hours of 8:15am and 8:55am and between the hours of 2:45pm and 3:30pm, Monday to Friday.
- To extend the existing no loading/unloading restriction on the north-east side of Paynes Drive, between its junction with the western access to Loughton Manor School car park and its junction with Linceslade Grove;
- To extend the existing no loading/unloading restrictions on both sides of Linceslade Grove to beyond the eastern access to Loughton Manor School car park;
- To introduce a new no loading/unloading restriction on the southern side of the Loughton Manor School car park at the informal pedestrian crossing point;
- To introduce no loading/unloading restrictions at the junction of Paynes Drive, Ashpole Furlong and Bradwell Road;
- To introduce no loading/unloading restrictions at the junction of Bradwell Road, London Road and Shenley Road;
- To introduce no loading/unloading restrictions at the junction of Paynes Drive and Olde Bell Lane;
- To introduce no loading/unloading restrictions at the junction of Ashpole Furlong and Gurneys Close;
- To introduce no loading/unloading restrictions at the junction of Ashpole Furlong and Homeward Court;
- To introduce no waiting between the hours of 8:15am and 8:55am and between the hours of 2:45pm and 3:30pm, Monday to Friday on Paynes Drive outside house numbers 2, 4, 6 and 8 Paynes Drive and on parts of Tresham Court;
- To introduce two disabled persons' parking spaces on Paynes Drive outside Loughton Primary School;
- To introduce two disabled persons' parking space in the Loughton Manor School car park.

The Council is satisfied that the experimental restrictions are necessary to trial a Pedestrian Zone (School Streets) outside three schools during drop off and pick up times.

The restrictions will apply to all motor vehicles. However, access and loading will be permitted for local residents, deliveries, essential services and emergency services during the restricted times.

The Council will monitor the trial during the experimental period to understand the benefits and challenges of the Pedestrian Zone.

Aims of School Streets:

- To reduce the traffic and parking pressures outside schools during drop off and pick up times;
- To discourage car journeys to school and encourage walking and cycling;
- To create a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists outside schools during drop off and pick up times;
- To improve air quality and create a more pleasant environment for everyone.

The experimental restrictions will be introduced under Sections 9 and 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, allowing 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 experimental restrictions:

- to facilitate the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic outside Loughton Primary School and Loughton Manor School;
- for avoiding danger or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising to persons using those parts of Bradwell Road, Paynes Drive, Ashpole Furlong, London Road, Shenley Road, Lincelade Grove, Gurneys Close, Homeward Court and Trisham Court in Loughton.

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

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