

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FOREST ROAD, HANSLOPE) (30 MPH AND 40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2022

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes in exercise of its powers under Sections 84(1), (2) and (3) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 proposes to make the above traffic regulation Order.

The effect of the above proposed Order will be to extend the existing 30mph speed limit restriction and introduce a 40mph speed limit restriction along the following lengths of Forest Road in Hanslope:

30mph Speed Limit Restriction

From its junction with Hartwell Road, for a distance of 249 metres in a north-easterly direction

40mph Speed Limit Restriction

From a point 249 metres north-east of its junction with Hartwell Road, for a distance of 483 metres in a north-easterly direction

The proposed alterations to the speed limits on Forest Road come as a result of the agreed section 278 works for the new Hanslope housing development by Davidson Developments.

The current speed restriction imposed on those parts of Forest Road are 30mph and national.

All signs and road markings for the proposed 30mph and 40mph speed limit restrictions will be in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

As the Highway Authority for Forest Road in Hanslope, Milton Keynes Council is satisfied that the alterations to the speed limit restrictions will encourage the convenient and safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

The Council considers it expedient to altering the speed limit restrictions on Forest Road, Hanslope:

- To avoid danger to people or other traffic using Forest Road in Hanslope or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising;
- To create a safer environment throughout Forest Road in Hanslope and to encourage and facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movements.

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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