PUBLIC NOTICE

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, BLETCHLEY) (PROHIBITION OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) ORDER 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order under Sections 1(1), 2(4), 3(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 a 7.5 tonne weight restriction (except for access) on Duncombe Street and Water Eaton Road in Bletchley.

The proposed weight restriction comes as a result of concerns raised over heavy goods vehicles using Duncombe Street and Water Eaton Road as a through route in Central Bletchley, causing safety concerns and pollution for local residents.

The proposed weight restrictions will prevent heavy commercial vehicles exceeding 7.5 tons from using the above said roads as a through route and encourage a safer environment for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists

The introduction of the weight limit will help to encourage and facilitate safer pedestrian and cyclist movements and provide a cleaner environment for the local community.

The proposed weight restriction will be clearly signed in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

As the Highway Authority for the above lengths of road, Milton Keynes City Council is satisfied that the introduction of the weight restriction will help encourage a safer environment throughout.

The Council considers it expedient to make the above Order to facilitate the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular traffic along the affected lengths of roads.

Milton Keynes Council is now carrying out statutory consultation on the above proposal. Details on how to comment and of the proposed Order, together with plans showing the general arrangements and a statement of reason, may be inspected on the Council's website at: <u>www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations</u>.

Any representations or objections to the proposals, together with the grounds upon which they are made, must be made in writing and sent to the Council's Highways Department at Milton Keynes City Council, Civic Office, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ, or by email to <u>TROteam@milton-keynes.gov.uk</u> quoting reference **TRO-353** and to be received no later than **23 March 2023**.

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