

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

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

Milton Keynes City Council as Highway Authority for Milton Keynes proposes 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 Council is satisfied that it is expedient to make the above named Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 pursuant to sections 1(1), 2(4) and 3(2) for the following reasons:-

- 1) To prevent the use of the road by vehicular traffic of a kind which, or its use by vehicular traffic in a manner which, is unsuitable having regard to the existing character of the road;
- 2) To introduce a safer environment throughout the road, particularly to encourage and facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movements on these roads;
- 3) For avoiding danger to people or other traffic using the above roads, or any other road, or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising.

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

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.

Dated: 02 March 2023

