

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

## **MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (WATLING STREET (V4), MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2023**

Milton Keynes City Council 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 reduce the speed restriction from national to 40mph along the following length of Watling Street (V4) in Milton Keynes:

- **Watling Street (V4), Milton Keynes** (both sides) From a point 150 metres south-east of its junction with Elfield Park Roundabout to a point 10 metres south-east of its junction with Granby Roundabout (a distance of 1,043 metres).

The proposed 40mph speed restriction comes as a result of a larger road safety scheme being implemented by Milton Keynes City Council. This scheme will have a new signalised junction and improvements to the current pedestrian/cyclist facilities on this stretch of the Watling Street (V4).

Milton Keynes City Council as Highway Authority is satisfied that it is expedient to make the make the above traffic regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 pursuant to section 84 for the following reason;

- For avoiding danger to people or other traffic using that part of Watling Street (V4) to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising specifically to reduce vehicular speeds along that section of road to prevent the potential for any speed related accidents.

All signs and road markings will be in accordance with the 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: **05 October 2023**