

STATEMENT OF REASONS

(A brief statement of the general nature and effect of the proposed traffic regulation Orders)

Title of the proposed traffic regulation Order:

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (VARIOUS ROADS IN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING AREAS) (20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ZONES) ORDER 2021) VARIATION ORDER 2024

The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, under sections 82(2) and 83(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 20mph speed zones in Emerson Valley, Fishermead, Medbourne, Walnut Tree and various roads in West Bletchley.

The above proposed restrictions come as a result of road safety concerns expressed by residents during school pick up/drop off times.

The introduction of the 20mph speed zones will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate safe pedestrian and cyclist movements.

The Council's reasons for proposing the above Order are as follows: -

- 1) To maintain a safe environment throughout the road, particularly to encourage and facilitate pedestrian and cyclist movements along those parts of the road;
- 2) For avoiding danger to people or other traffic using the above roads, or to prevent the likelihood of any such danger arising.

As the Highway Authority for the above lengths of road, Milton Keynes City Council is satisfied that the introduction of the 20mph speed zones will help encourage safer environments throughout.

The proposed 20mph zones 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.

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