

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 (VARIOUS ROADS, WAVENDON) (40 MPH AND 50MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2024

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, under sections 84(1), (2) and (3), of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The general effect of the above proposed Order will be to introduce a 40mph speed restriction along part of Lower End Road and 50mph speed restriction along part of Cranfield Road in Wavendon, Milton Keynes.

Setting speed limits at the appropriate level for the road and ensuring compliance with these limits play a vital part in ensuring greater safety for all road users.

In accordance with Department for Transport guidance, it is expected that Local Highway Authorities keep speed limits under review with changing circumstances and gives consideration to the introduction of 40mph and 50mph limits in rural roads that may have a relatively high number of bends, junctions or accesses and where the average (MEAN) speeds are below 40mph and 50mph, so that the lower limit does not interfere with traffic flow.

The average (MEAN) speed on Lower End Road is **41.5mph**.

The average (MEAN) speed on Cranfield Road is **32.5mph**.

The introduction of the 40mph and 50mph speed restrictions 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 statutory reasons for proposing the above traffic regulation 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.

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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