

# Statement of Reasons

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

## **MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (PORTWAY (H5), MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) 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 Portway (H5), Milton Keynes between Tattenhoe Street (V2) and Fulmer Street (V3).

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

As part of the assessment of the proposed 40mph speed limit, two Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) surveys were undertaken at locations along the Newport Road. This was in order to ascertain whether a 40mph speed limit would be enforceable and complied with by drivers. The survey demonstrated that the average vehicular speeds in both directions was between 34.5 mph and 36.1 mph, below the intervention level of 46mph.

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.

The introduction of the 40mph speed restriction will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate vehicular 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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