

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

## MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(B526 NORTHAMPTON ROAD (PART), LATHBURY)  
(40MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2025

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, 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 general effect of the above proposed Order will be to extend the existing 40mph speed restriction on B526 Northampton Road in Lathbury.

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, gives consideration to the introduction of 40mph limits in rural roads that may have a relatively high number of bends, junctions or accesses.

As the Highway Authority for that part of B526 Northampton Road, the Council is satisfied that the introduction of the 40mph 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 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.**

The Council has given consideration to its duty under section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians).

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.