

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (WATLING STREET (V4), MILTON KEYNES) (PROHIBITION OF U-TURN) ORDER 2025

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, under Sections 1(1) and 2(1) to (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 prohibit u-turn manoeuvres on Watling Street (V4), at its junction with Rambouillet Drive, Whitehouse and The High Street, Two Mile Ash in Milton Keynes.

The proposed u-turn ban comes as a result of several near misses at the junction of Watling Street (V4), Rambouillet Drive, Whitehouse and The High Street, Two Mile Ash involving vehicles making u-turn manoeuvres on Watling Street (V4). Vehicles are able to make a safe turning manoeuvre at Calverton Lane Roundabout and Whitehouse Roundabout, which are within a distance of 500 metres from the junction in both directions.

The Councils statutory reasons proposing the u-turn ban are as follows: -

- 1) to maintain a safe environment throughout the road, particularly to encourage and facilitate safe vehicular 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 traffic.

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 traffic.