

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(QUEEN ELEANOR STREET AND WATLING STREET (V4), MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH 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 consolidate the existing 40mph speed restriction along Quen Eleanor Street and Watling Street (V4) and extend the 40mph speed restriction along Watling Street (V4) to a point 340 metres south-east of its junction with Burchard Crescent, Shenley Church End.

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.

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 safer vehicular movements.

The Councils 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 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.