

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL (SAXON STREET, BLETCHLEY) (50 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 introduce a 50MPH Speed Restriction along that part of V7 Saxon Street, between its junction with Watling Street and its junction with Princes Way.

The proposed 50mph speed limit will reduce vehicular speeds on the approach to the roundabouts and the petrol stations.

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.

The average (MEAN) speed along Saxon Street is between 41-48mph in both directions. The 85thile is between 48-55mph.

As the Highway Authority for the above-mentioned road, the Council is satisfied that the introduction of the 50mph speed restriction will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate safe vehicular movements.

The Councils reasons for proposing the above Order 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 and pedestrian traffic.