

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, MILTON KEYNES)

(40 MPH AND 50 MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2026

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 revoke the current Order entitled "**Milton Keynes City Council (Various Roads, Haversham) (50 mph Speed Restriction) Order 2024**" and consolidate the 50mph speed restrictions along parts of Bullington End Road and Wolverton Road (Castlethorpe), Park Road (Hanslope and Hanslope Park) and the unnamed road that links Tatthall End and Haversham;
- To revoke the existing 40mph speed limit on the unnamed road that links High Street and Wolverton Road, Haversham – this part of the unnamed road will become 30mph by virtue of street lighting.
- To introduce 40mph speed restrictions along parts of Haversham Road (Haversham), Park Road and Newport Road (Hanslope, Hanslope Park and Tathall End), the unnamed road that links Tathall End and Hanslope Park and the unnamed road that links Tathall End and Gayhurst.

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.

The introduction of the 40mph speed restrictions will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate safer 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 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 and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on the highway.

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 pedestrian traffic.