

# 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 (No.2)

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 introduce 40mph speed restrictions along parts of Dansteed Way (H4), Portway (H5) and Chaffron Way (H7);
- To introduce a 50mph speed restriction along parts of Grafton Street (V6), which will link to the existing 50mph speed restriction on the south-eastbound carriageway on Grafton Street between Dansteed Way (H4) and Portway (H5).

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 and 50mph speed limits on urban roads based on evidence-led assessments focusing on safety, road environment, and community impact. Department for Transport (DfT) guidance highlights that such changes should prioritise mitigating collision risks and managing traffic in built-up areas.

The introduction of the 40mph and 50mph speed restrictions will help to mitigate collision risk and manage traffic, 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 traffic 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 traffic.