

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(B526, MILTON KEYNES)

(40 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) 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 Council is proposing to reduce the speed limit along part of B526 from national to 40mph as part of a road safety scheme. The affected length of road is within Milton Keynes and extends into West Northamptonshire.

The Council is working in collaboration with West Northamptonshire Council who will be proposing the 40mph along B526 within their boundary at the same time through a separate notice of proposal.

The general effect of the above proposed Order will be to introduce a 40mph speed restriction on B526 from Stoke Goldington to the shared boundary line with West Northamptonshire.

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, the highway authority should consider introducing 40mph speed limits where there are many bends, junctions or accesses, substantial development, a strong environmental or landscape reason, or where there are considerable numbers of vulnerable road users.

The introduction of the 40mph speed restrictions will help to mitigate collision risk and manage traffic, which will encourage and facilitate safer vehicular movements.

The Councils statutory reasons for proposing the above traffic 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.