

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

## **MILTON KEYNES CITY**

### **ALTERATIONS TO PARKING ARRANGEMENTS IN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES 2026**

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the following three Traffic Regulation Orders, under Sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2), 4(2), 32(1), 35(1), 45, 46, 49, 53 and 63 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

- 1) Milton Keynes City Council (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes (On-Street Premium Tariff Parking Places) Order 2020) Variation Order 2026
- 2) Milton Keynes City Council (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes (On-Street Specific and Permit Parking Places) Order 2002) Variation Order 2026
- 3) Milton Keynes City Council (The Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes) (Central Milton Keynes (On-Street Standard Tariff Parking Places) Order 2020) Revocation Order (Part) 2026

The general effect of the proposed Order will be to alter the parking arrangements on part of Grafton Gate (east side), between North Row and Silbury Boulevard, by replacing the standard tariff parking with premium tariff parking.

The alterations will help improve turn-over of spaces for the local businesses and their customers, which are currently full between 9am and 5pm, Monday to Friday.

The introduction of the premium tariff parking will ensure turn-over of spaces in the prime spaces adjacent to the local businesses, directly stimulating the city's economy.

The proposal is based on the results of the Council's Strategic Review of Parking, a citywide initiative designed to assess parking pressures and to identify areas where parking controls would help to alleviate those pressures.

The proposal aims to manage parking availability and usage to the benefit of businesses and their customers.

The Council's statutory reasons for proposing the above parking alterations are as follows: -

- 1) **Improving access for local businesses and their customers.**
- 2) **Preserving or improving the amenities of the area.**

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).

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.

