

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(BANBURIES CLOSE, WEST BLETCHLEY)

(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2026

Milton Keynes Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce No Waiting restrictions on parts of Banburies Close, West Bletchley, which will operate during specified school drop-off and pick-up periods.

The proposal has been brought forward following concerns raised by local residents regarding inconsiderate and obstructive parking in Banburies Close, particularly during periods of increased traffic associated with school drop-off and pick-up.

The Council has considered the characteristics of Banburies Close and the surrounding residential highway network. The West Bletchley area includes a number of residential side roads where the available carriageway width and existing on-street parking arrangements can constrain the movement of vehicles.

The proposed restriction is intended to address these issues specifically during the periods when parking-related obstruction is of greatest concern. By preventing waiting at the locations identified in the Traffic Regulation Order, the proposal will help to maintain sufficient carriageway width for the safe and convenient passage of vehicles and reduce the likelihood of obstruction caused by parked vehicles.

The restriction will be time-limited to the specified school drop-off and pick-up periods. This approach is intended to address the identified problem while allowing parking to continue outside those periods, thereby avoiding an unnecessary restriction on residents and other road users at times when the identified parking pressures are not present.

The Council considers that the proposed restrictions will:

1. improve the safe and convenient movement of vehicular traffic along Banburies Close;
2. reduce obstruction caused by inconsiderately or obstructively parked vehicles;
3. reduce the potential for conflict between moving vehicles and parked vehicles;
4. assist access for residents, visitors and emergency and service vehicles;
5. improve the operation of the highway during the periods of greatest school-related traffic activity; and
6. provide a proportionate response to the concerns raised by local residents.

The Council has considered the need for the restrictions to operate continuously and considers that a restriction limited to the identified school drop-off and pick-up periods is more proportionate to the problem identified. Outside those periods, the existing parking arrangements will remain available, subject to any other restrictions that may apply.

The proposed Order is therefore considered necessary to improve the safety and convenience of highway users and to prevent obstruction of the highway during the periods when school-related parking activity is greatest.

For these reasons, Milton Keynes Council considers it expedient to make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

