

# STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

## **MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL** (OLNEY ROAD, EMBERTON) (PROHIBITION OF RIGHT TURN) ORDER 2026

Milton Keynes Council proposes to make a Traffic Regulation Order to introduce a prohibition of the right turn at the junction of Olney Road, Emberton and A509.

The Council is satisfied that the proposed restriction is necessary to improve the safety and operation of the highway and to facilitate the safe and convenient movement of traffic.

Olney Road forms part of the local highway network serving Emberton and provides access to residential properties, local facilities and Emberton Country Park. The road also connects with the wider highway network, including the A509. Emberton Country Park is accessed from the A509/Olney Road corridor and attracts visitors throughout the year.

The existing arrangement permits vehicles to undertake the right turn. The manoeuvre has the potential to create conflict between turning vehicles and vehicles travelling in the opposing direction at 40mph.

The proposed prohibition will remove this turning manoeuvre and thereby reduce the potential for vehicle-to-vehicle conflict and improve the consistency and predictability of traffic movements at the junction.

The Council has considered the existing characteristics and use of the highway, including the residential nature of the surrounding area and the established concerns regarding traffic movement through Emberton.

The proposed Order is therefore considered necessary to:

1. improve road safety for all highway users;
2. reduce the potential for conflict between turning and through traffic;
3. improve the operation and efficiency of the junction;
4. facilitate the safe and convenient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic;  
and
5. provide a more consistent and predictable arrangement for road users.

The Council has considered whether the proposed restriction is proportionate to the identified highway safety and traffic-management objectives. The restriction applies

only to the specified right-turn movement and does not prevent access to Olney Road or the surrounding residential area by alternative routes.

Appropriate traffic signs and road markings will be provided in accordance with the applicable traffic-signing regulations to clearly inform road users of the restriction.

The Council will continue to monitor the operation of the highway following implementation and will consider any issues that arise through the normal highway-management and traffic-regulation processes.

For these reasons, Milton Keynes Council considers that it is expedient to make the proposed Traffic Regulation Order in order to improve road safety and facilitate the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

