

STATEMENT OF REASONS

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

MILTON KEYNES CITY COUNCIL

(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES)
(VARIOUS ROADS IN MILTON KEYNES AND SURROUNDING
AREAS) (20 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION ZONES) ORDER 2021)
VARIATION ORDER 2026

Milton Keynes City Council proposes to introduce a 20mph speed restriction throughout the Browns Wood in Milton Keynes.

The proposal has been brought forward following representations and a request from residents of Browns Wood, who have identified road safety and the need for a safer and more consistent residential environment as matters of concern.

The proposed 20mph restriction is intended to apply throughout the residential roads within Browns Wood and will be implemented through appropriate 20mph zone entry signs and repeater signs.

Reasons for the proposed traffic regulation Order

The Council considers that the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction is appropriate for the following reasons:

1. **To improve road safety** for pedestrians, cyclists, residents and other vulnerable road users using the residential roads within Browns Wood.
2. **To reduce the potential risk and severity of collisions** by establishing a lower speed environment appropriate to the residential character and function of the estate.
3. **To encourage and facilitate walking and cycling** by providing a safer and more attractive environment for residents, children and visitors travelling within the estate.
4. **To respond to concerns raised by local residents** regarding vehicle speeds and the need for a clearly defined lower-speed residential environment.
5. **To provide a consistent speed limit across the wider residential area.** The proposed Browns Wood 20mph zone would connect with the existing 20mph zone in neighbouring Old Farm Park, creating a more consistent speed environment across the adjoining residential communities.
6. **To reflect the existing characteristics of Browns Wood.** Traffic surveys undertaken by the Council indicate that vehicle speeds are already generally low within the estate, reflecting the residential street layout and tight junction radii. The proposed

restriction therefore formalises and reinforces an environment that is already conducive to lower vehicle speeds.

7. **To enhance the residential environment** for residents and visitors by encouraging appropriate vehicle speeds on roads that primarily serve residential properties and local community movements.
8. **To avoid danger to persons or other traffic using the roads**, and to prevent the likelihood of such danger arising, by establishing an appropriate maximum speed for the residential environment.

Proportionality of the proposal

The Council considers the proposed Order to be a proportionate response to the character and use of the Browns Wood estate.

The estate has vertical traffic calming features in place that supports a 20mph speed restriction.

Conclusion

Having regard to the residential nature of Browns Wood, the concerns and representations received from local residents, the existing characteristics of the highway network and the results of traffic surveys, the Council considers that the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction throughout Browns Wood would provide a safer and more consistent environment for all road users.

The Council is therefore satisfied that the proposed Order is necessary and appropriate:

- **for avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the roads, or for preventing the likelihood of such danger arising;**
- **for facilitating the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists;**
- **for improving road safety within the residential community; and**
- **for maintaining and enhancing a safe and appropriate residential environment.**

The proposed 20mph zone will be clearly signed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016.

The Council will continue to monitor the use of the highway network and, following consultation with relevant stakeholders and consideration of any issues that arise, will take such further measures as it considers necessary to facilitate the safe and convenient movement of vehicular and pedestrian traffic.

