

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 (PARTS OF A421, STANDING WAY (H8), GROVEWAY (H9) AND A5130 NEWPORT ROAD, MILTON KEYNES) (40 MPH AND 60 MPH SPEED RESTRICTION) ORDER 2015) REVOCATION (IN PART) ORDER 2024

Milton Keynes City Council as the Local Highway Authority proposes to make the above Traffic Regulation Order, under sections 1, 82(2) and 83(2), and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The general effect of the above proposed Order will be to revoke the existing 40mph speed restriction on Newport Road in Wavendon, Milton Keynes and replace with a 30mph speed restriction by virtue of street lighting.

As part of the assessment of the proposed 30mph speed limit, two Automatic Traffic Count (ATC) surveys were undertaken at locations along the Newport Road. This was in order to ascertain whether a 30mph speed limit would be enforceable and complied with by drivers. The survey demonstrated that the average vehicular speeds in both directions was between 32.3 mph and 33.8mph, below the intervention level of 35mph.

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.

The introduction of the 30mph speed restriction will help to reduce vehicular speeds along the above lengths of road, which will encourage and facilitate safe pedestrian and cyclist movements.

The Council's statutory reasons for proposing the above traffic regulation Order are as follows: -

- 1) To maintain a safe environment throughout the road, particularly to encourage and facilitate pedestrian and cyclist 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 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.

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