

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2017

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 made the above Traffic Order under Section 1 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the purposes of making the experimental prohibition of driving Order permanent.

The experimental Order was introduced in order to trial the automotive vehicles to operate along various footways in Central Milton Keynes by prohibiting vehicles (*except 'Driverless Pods' and service vehicles being used in connection with the LUTZ Pathfinder and UK Autodrive LSAT pilot schemes, emergency service vehicles, military vehicles and statutory undertakers*) from entering, proceeding or waiting along those parts of the footways on Avebury Boulevard, Grafton Gate, Midsummer Boulevard, Silbury Boulevard, Witan Gate, the Elder Gate and Midsummer Boulevard Subway, the Grafton Gate and Silbury Boulevard Subway, the Grafton Gate and Midsummer Boulevard Subway, the Grafton Gate and Avebury Boulevard Subway, the Witan Gate and Silbury Boulevard Subway and the Witan Gate and Midsummer Boulevard Subway in Central Milton Keynes.

The above Order comes as a result of the experimental scheme that was introduced on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015. During the first 6-months of the experimental scheme the Council carried out statutory consultation. During that time the Council received no objections to the experimental scheme.

Throughout the 18-month experimental period the driverless pods have proven to be successful whilst navigating along the affected parts of the highway without any accidents or incidents.

The Councils reason for making the above Order will be to allow the continuation of the driverless pods by alleviating the danger to the public, enabling a safer environment to be achieved throughout the road and encouraging and facilitating safer pedestrian movements within parts Central Milton Keynes.


The permanent Order will come into operation on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

Copies of the Order as made together with a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at **Milton Keynes Library**, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, and during normal office hours at **Milton Keynes Council**, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall. Please quote reference **PH-S9-ETRO-009**.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Synergy Park  
Chesney Wold  
Bleak Hall  
Milton Keynes  
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15<sup>th</sup> February 2017



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