

Frequently Asked Questions:

Eaton Avenue -proposed traffic calming and 20mph speed limit

Why does the road need to be changed?

In April 2019 we received a petition from residents of Eaton Avenue, Lennox Road and Leon Avenue. This requested the speed limits on those streets to be reduced from 30mph to 20mph.

In addition to this, the Council was approached by Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Council to introduce a traffic calming scheme on Eaton Avenue due to concerns over excessive speeds. The scheme has separately been awarded funding for traffic calming features in Eaton Avenue. This is 50% funded from Milton Keynes Council's new Community Infrastructure Fund (CIF) and 50% match funded by Bletchley and Fenny Town Council.

What are the proposals?

We would like to make some changes to the road layouts to tackle the safety concerns which includes:

- 20mph speed zone for Lennox Road, Leon Avenue and Eaton Avenue,
- traffic calming measures (a series of speed cushions) along parts of Eaton Avenue,
- double yellow lines on Eaton Avenue at the footway link to Knowles Infant and Primary Schools to ensure improved visibility at the crossing point.

Why do you need to introduce double yellow lines?

We are proposing to include double yellow lines in order to keep the road, either side of the crossing, free from vehicles in order to provide better visibility for pedestrians crossing and motorists approaching the crossing point. 12 metres is the stopping distance for vehicles travelling at 20mph and this is the length of the double yellow lines we are proposing.

The crossing point was highlighted in the Road Safety Audit which was carried out when we were developing this scheme.

Vehicles displaying a valid blue badge may park on the double yellow lines for up to a maximum period of 3 hours where it is safe to do so.

You can view these proposals on a map online at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations

Will the road/footway need to be closed to carry out the works?

Yes – sometimes both footway and road will need to be closed for short periods of time so that we can carry out the necessary works safely for both the operatives and members of the public. Diversion routes will be provided when any closure has been implemented which will be clearly signed.

There will also be clear notices about any affected bus routes and stops during the work period. Any closure dates will be publicised on our website at www.milton-keynes.gov.uk and on our social media pages (Facebook [mkcouncil1](https://www.facebook.com/mkcouncil1) and Twitter [@mkcouncil](https://twitter.com/mkcouncil))

We will maintain access to all properties throughout the works.

What are speed cushions?

Speed cushions are similar to speed humps except they look more like asphalt cushions in the middle of the road. They are slightly wider than a car so drivers need to slow down and drive over the centre of the speed cushion to avoid discomfort. They are positioned between the kerbline and centre line of the road to allow wide wheel base vehicles such as buses and emergency vehicles to drive over them without causing passengers discomfort.

Another added benefit of speed cushions (instead of speed humps) is that there is less noise pollution and vibrations when wide wheel base vehicles are travelling along the road.

Why do you need to introduce speed cushions?

We carried out a speed survey recently to check what the average speed of vehicles was travelling along Eaton Avenue, Lennox Road and Leon Avenue. This showed us that on Lennox Road and Leon Avenue the average speed was below 24mph but on Eaton Avenue it was above this.

To reduce speeds along the road it is necessary to introduce the right type of traffic calming features to slow vehicles down and for this location and type of road a series of speed cushions set at certain distances apart is the best option.

I can't attend the drop in sessions – how can I make comments on these proposals?

You can still send your comments or feedback about these proposals using any of the following by Thursday 20 February 2020.

Email:

TROteam@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Online:

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations

Post to:

The TRO Team,
Milton Keynes Council, Highways Department, Synergy Park, Chesney Wold, Bleak Hall,
Milton Keynes, MK6 1LY

When making comments please include the following references:

TRO-286 (20mph speed limit)

TRO-288 (Double yellow lines)

NOT-033 (Speed cushions)

When will this happen?

Depending on the outcome of the consultation exercise the works are expected to be carried out at the beginning of March and will take around 2-4 weeks to complete. The works are subject to change due to adverse weather conditions.



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