

## **STATEMENT OF REASONS**

### **THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (TRAFFIC REGULATION; RESTRICTIONS ON WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING AND PARKING PLACES) (VARIATION NO.5), ORDER 2023-TRO/21/03B**

The proposal is based on the results of the Council's Strategic Review of Parking, a citywide initiative designed to assess parking pressures and to identify areas where parking controls would help to alleviate those pressures. The Review itself was instigated as a result of concerns raised with the Council by Community Councils, residents' groups and individuals. Those concerns related to the difficulties faced by residents and their visitors in finding parking opportunities and were primarily, but not solely, linked to the impact of non-residential parking.

Having identified through the Review those areas where parking pressures were most severe, the Council approved initial consultation on four separate phases of new parking controls designed to address those pressures. This proposal relates to Phase 1 of the Review, which was initially consulted upon at the end of 2019.

The proposal aims to manage parking availability and usage to the benefit of residents, businesses and their visitors. This will be achieved by the introduction of a combination of parking restrictions and parking places.

Parking restrictions will manage where parking can take place, whilst allowing loading and unloading. They will ensure that parking can only take place where it is safe or appropriate and will allow action to be taken in instances where vehicles are parked inconsiderately or where they might make conditions difficult or less safe for pedestrians, cyclists or other drivers.

Parking places will indicate where it is appropriate to park, with specific parking places set aside for particular uses. The introduction of limits on length of stay by those not resident within the area will address those pressures created by vehicles belonging to commuters and other non-residents, prioritising the available parking for those who live within and visit the area.

The proposals support the aims and objectives of the Council's City Mobility Plan, which sets out the Council's strategic approach to sustainable, safe and effective movement of people and goods. They support reducing vehicle emissions, encouraging residents to consider the impact of their vehicle choice, with incentives to move to vehicles with lower emissions. They also discourage commuting by private car and support choices that involve sustainable and active travel. The proposals further include Edinburgh's first on-street Electric Vehicle Charging Points.