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Statement of Reasons

The Junction at Morrison Street-Dewar Place-Gardner's Crescent needs reconfigured to mitigate potential displacement impacts from non-compliant traffic, associated with the LEZ, as evidenced by traffic modelling undertaken and to improve safety for all users of the streets in question.

Improvements proposed at Morrison Street-Dewar Place-Gardner's' Crescent Junction will improve accessibility including for those with protected characteristics, by reducing severance at this location.

The Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 (which is ongoing) and transport accounts for over 25% of the City's total CO2 emissions. The works herein are considered minor in terms of all negative impacts yet are required for the Council to fulfil, in part, its statutory obligations in reducing harmful emissions via the LEZ scheme, as prescribed under Section 87(1) of the Environment Act (1995), in fulfilment of Part 1 of the Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009 and towards achieving its net zero 2030 targets.