

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION) (TEMPORARY ROAD RESTRICTION AND TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2023 – TEMP/23/257

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”), as amended, and of all other enabling powers being satisfied that traffic on the lengths of roads specified in the Schedules hereto should be prohibited or restricted to facilitate the holding of the Torchlight Procession event on and to enable members of the public to watch this event and being satisfied that it is not reasonably practicable for the event to be held otherwise than on a road and having had regard to the safety and convenience of alternative routes suitable for traffic which will be affected by this Order, with the consent of the Scottish Ministers under section 16B(6)(b) of the said Act, hereby make the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as "The City of Edinburgh Council (Torchlight Procession) (Temporary Road Restriction and Traffic Regulation) Order 2023". The Order shall have effect on the Twenty-ninth day of December Two thousand and twenty-three, during the hours specified in the Schedules to this Order.
2. In this Order the following phrases have the meanings respectively assigned to them:
 - “Article” means an Article of this Order;
 - “emergency service vehicle” means a vehicle being used for ambulance, fire and rescue or police purposes;
 - “Parking Attendant” has the same meaning as in Section 63A of the 1984 Act;
 - “pass” means an official accredited pass issued by the City of Edinburgh Council’s representatives for the purpose of this Order;
 - “road” has the same meaning as in Section 151 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 and, for the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of this order, includes part of a road;
 - “Schedule” means a Schedule to this Order;
 - “the 2018 Order” means The City of Edinburgh Council (Traffic Regulation; Restrictions on Waiting, Loading and Unloading, Stopping and Parking Places) Designation and Traffic Regulation Order 2018; and
 - “vehicle” has the same meaning as in Section 151 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
3. Save as provided in Article 4, to facilitate the holding of the Torchlight Procession event (as signed as affected by the event), no person shall:-
 - (a) drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle on the sections of roads specified in Schedule 1 hereto, where closures will apply to roads in their entirety unless otherwise stated;
 - (b) except with the permission of a Parking Attendant, cause or permit any vehicle to wait or load onto or unload from any vehicle on the sections of the roads specified in Schedule 2 hereto, where prohibitions will apply to both sides of the roads in their entirety unless otherwise stated; and
 - (c) on foot, except upon the direction or with the permission of a police constable in uniform, enter or proceed along or use in any other manner whatsoever any of the lengths of road specified in Schedule 3 hereto.
4. Nothing in Article 3 shall apply to emergency service vehicles.
5. The 2018 Order will be suspended in so far as it is affected by the restrictions specified in Article 3(b) of this Order.

6. Nothing in Article 3(c) shall apply to any person who:
 - (a) is accessing premises situated on or adjacent to a road specified in the said Article, or any other premises accessible for pedestrians from, and only from, any such road;
 - (b) is, or is acting on the authority of, a police constable in uniform;
 - (c) is engaged in dealing with an emergency which requires that person to use the relevant road or roads; and
 - (d) is in possession of a valid official pass issued in respect of the Edinburgh's Hogmanay Torchlight Procession and is taking part in, rather than travelling to or from, the event.

7. 'The City of Edinburgh Council (Ramsay Lane and Castlehill, Edinburgh) (Prohibition of Entry) Traffic Regulation Order 1999' will be suspended ***between 18:00 hours and 23:00 hours on 29/12/2023*** in relation to ***prohibition of entry*** on **Ramsay Lane**, to allow traffic access and egress from Ramsay Lane to Castlehill.

8. 'The Lothian Regional Council (Victoria Street, West Bow and Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh) Traffic Regulation Order 1995' will be suspended ***between 18:00 hours and 22:00 hours on 29/12/2023*** in relation to the ***bus, taxi and cycle lanes*** on **Candlemaker Row**, to allow two-way traffic between Cowgatehead and Merchant Street.

9. 'The City of Edinburgh Council (Greenways) Traffic Regulation Order 1997', as amended, will be suspended ***between 19:30 hours and 23:00 hours on 29/12/2023*** in so far as the ***loading bays*** and ***no waiting at any time restrictions*** are affected on the section of **Lothian Road** described in Schedule 2 of this Order.

10. The alternative route for through vehicular traffic will be by way of North Charlotte Street, Charlotte Square, South Charlotte Street, Princes Street, Lothian Road, Earl Grey Street, Brougham Street, Brougham Place, Melville Drive, Hope Park Terrace, South Clerk Street, Clerk Street, St. Patrick Square, St. Patrick Street, Nicolson Street, South Bridge, North Bridge, Leith Street, York Place and Queen Street.

Executed by The City of Edinburgh Council this Twentieth day of December Two thousand and twenty-three.



(witness)



signed on behalf of Executive Director of Place

SCHEDULE 1 ROAD CLOSURES

(A) from 17:00 hours to 22:00 hours on:

Middle Meadow Walk: (1) between Simpson Loan and North Meadow Walk; and (2) between Melville Drive and Jawbone Walk/Boy's Brigade Walk;

(B) from 18:00 hours to 22:00 hours on:

(i) **Middle Meadow Walk**, between Simpson Loan and Teviot Place/Lauriston Place; (ii) **Forrest Road**; (iii) **Lauriston Place**, from its junction with Forrest Road, westwards to the vehicular entrance to George Heriot's school; (iv) **Teviot Place**; (v) **Lothian Street**; (vi) **Potterrow**, between its junction with Bristo Place and its junction with Marshall Street; (vii) **Brighton Street**; (viii) **Chambers Street**, from its junction with George IV Bridge, eastwards for a distance of 90 metres or thereby; and (ix) **Candlemaker Row**, between its junction with Merchant Street and its junction with George IV Bridge; and

(C) from 18:00 hours to 23:00 hours on:

(i) **George IV Bridge**; (ii) **Lawnmarket**; (iii) **Bank Street**; (iv) **Castlehill**, between its junction with Ramsay Lane and its junction with Lawnmarket; (v) **Johnston Terrace**; (vi) **Castle Terrace**; (vii) **Cornwall Street**; (viii) **Cambridge Street**; and (ix) **Grindlay Street**.

SCHEDULE 2 PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING

(A) from 12:00 hours to 23:00 hours on:

(i) **George IV Bridge**; and (ii) **Castle Terrace**;

(B) from 14:00 hours to 23:00 hours on:

(i) **Forrest Road**; (ii) **Teviot Place**; (iii) **Lawnmarket**; and (iv) **Johnston Terrace**;

(C) from 16:00 hours to 23:00 hours on:

(i) **Forrest Hill**; (ii) **Bristo Port**; (iii) **Bristo Place**; (iv) **Melville Drive, south side**, in its entirety; (v) **Lauriston Place, both sides**, from its junction with Forrest Road, westwards to the vehicular entrance to George Heriot's school; (vi) **Lothian Street**; (vii) **Potterrow, both sides**, between its junction with Bristo Place and its junction with Marshall Street; (viii) **George Square Lane, west side**, from the projected south building line of No. 29 George Square, southwards for a distance of 50 metres or thereby; (ix) **Chambers Street, both sides**, from its junction with George IV Bridge, eastwards for a distance of 90 metres or thereby; (x) **Candlemaker Row**; (xi) **Victoria Street**; (xii) **Bank Street**; (xiii) **Upper Bow**; (xiv) **Castlehill**; (xv) **Cornwall Street**; (xvi) **Cambridge Street**; and (xvii) **Grindlay Street**; and

(D) from 19:30 hours to 23:00 hours on:

Lothian Road, east side, from its junction with Princes Street, southwards to the projected north building line of No. 71 Lothian Road.

SCHEDULE 3 PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS

(A) from 17:00 hours to 22:00 hours on:

(i) **Middle Meadow Walk**: (1) between Simpson Loan and North Meadow Walk; and (2) between Melville Drive and Jawbone Walk/Boy's Brigade Walk; (ii) **Jawbone Walk**, in its entirety; and (iii) **Boy's Brigade Walk**, in its entirety;

(B) from 18:30 hours to 22:00 hours on:

Middle Meadow Walk, between Simpson Loan and Teviot Place/Lauriston Place.