

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION) (TEMPORARY ROAD RESTRICTION AND TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER 2024 – TEMP/24/214

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 2024”. The order shall have effect on the Twenty-ninth day of December Two thousand and twenty-four, during the hours specified in the Schedules to this Order.
2. (a) 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.(b) References in this Order to a disabled person, to a disabled person's badge, to a disabled person's vehicle and to a vehicle displaying a disabled person's badge in the relevant position shall be construed in accordance with the 1984 Act, The Disabled Persons (Badges for Motor Vehicles) (Scotland) Regulations 2000 and The Local Authorities Traffic Orders (Exemptions for Disabled Persons) (Scotland) Regulations 2002.
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 on the section of road described in Schedule 2 hereto;
 - (c) 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 3 hereto, where prohibitions will apply to both sides of the roads in their entirety unless otherwise stated; and

- (d) walk or cause or permit any person to walk on the footways described in Schedule 4 hereto, where prohibitions will apply to footways in their entirety unless otherwise specified.
4. Nothing in:
- (a) Article 3 shall apply to emergency service vehicles; and
 - (b) Article 3(b) shall apply to vehicles displaying the relevant associated pass parked in resident permit parking holder bays or Car Club bays on the affected section of **St Giles' Street** specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.
5. The 2018 Order will be suspended in so far as it is affected by the restrictions specified in Articles 3(b) and (c) of this Order.
6. Nothing in Article 3(b) shall apply:-
- a. to motor vehicles being driven or used by disabled persons and which conspicuously display, so as to be clearly visible from the front of the vehicle, a valid disabled person's badge; and
 - b. so as to prevent any person from causing or permitting a vehicle to wait while the vehicle is in actual use for the purpose of delivering or collecting goods or while loading or unloading the vehicle at premises adjoining the said road; provided that:
 - (i) no such vehicle so engaged shall wait for a period of more than thirty minutes in the same place; and
 - (ii) no such vehicle so engaged shall return to the same place, unless a period of more than thirty minutes has elapsed since the termination of the previous waiting period.
7. Nothing in Article 3(d) 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.
8. 'The City of Edinburgh Council (Ramsay Lane and Castlehill, Edinburgh) (Prohibition of Entry) Traffic Regulation Order 1999' will be suspended *from 18:00 hours to 23:30 hours*, to allow traffic access and egress from Ramsay Lane to Castlehill.
9. 'The Lothian Regional Council (Victoria Street, West Bow and Candlemaker Row, Edinburgh) Traffic Regulation Order 1995' will be suspended *from 18:00 hours to 23:30 hours* in relation to the **bus, taxi and cycle lanes** on **Candlemaker Row**, to allow two-way traffic between Cowgatehead and Merchant Street.
10. 'The City of Edinburgh Council (Greenways) Traffic Regulation Order 1997', as amended, will be suspended *from 19:30 hours to 23:00 hours* in so far as the **loading bays** and **no stopping restrictions** are affected on the section of **Lothian Road** described in Schedule 3 of this Order.

11. 'The City of Edinburgh Council (Lawnmarket Area) (No. 2) (Temporary Road Restriction and Traffic Regulation) Order 2024' will be suspended: (A) *between 14:00 hours and 23:59 hours* on **Lawnmarket** and **Johnston Terrace**; (B) *between 16:00 hours and 23:59 hours* on **Upper Bow**; and (C) *between 18:00 hours and 23:30 hours* on **Castlehill**, to facilitate the event.
12. The alternative route for through vehicular traffic will be by way of North Charlotte Street, Charlotte Square (*east leg*), 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 (*east leg*), St Patrick Street, Nicolson Street, South Bridge, North Bridge, Princes Street, Leith Street, Leith Walk (and/or Picardy Place), York Place, Queen Street.

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



(witness)



signed on behalf of Executive Director of Place

SCHEDULE 1 ROAD CLOSURES

(A) *from 18:00 hours to 22:00 hours* on:

(i) **Forrest Road**; (ii) **Lauriston Place**, from its junction with Forrest Road, westwards to the vehicular entrance to George Heriot's school; (iii) **Teviot Place**; (iv) **Bristo Place**; (v) **Lothian Street**; (vi) **Brighton Street**; and (vii) **Potterrow**, between its junction with Bristo Place and its junction with Marshall Street; and

(B) *from 18:00 hours to 23:30 hours* on:

(i) **Chambers Street**, from its junction with George IV Bridge, eastwards for a distance of 90 metres or thereby; (ii) **Candlemaker Row**, between its junction with Merchant Street and its junction with George IV Bridge; (iii) **George IV Bridge**; (iv) **Lawnmarket**; (v) **Bank Street**; (vi) **Castlehill**, between its junction with Ramsay Lane and its junction with Lawnmarket; (vii) **Johnston Terrace**; (viii) **Castle Terrace**; (ix) **Cornwall Street**; (x) **Cambridge Street**; and (xi) **Grindlay Street**.

SCHEDULE 2 RESTRICTION OF WAITING

From 16:00 hours to 23:59 hours on:

St Giles' Street, all permit parking holder bays, Car Club bays and disabled person's parking places only.

SCHEDULE 3 PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING

(A) *from 12:00 hours to 23:59 hours* on:

(i) **George IV Bridge**; and (ii) **Castle Terrace**, between its junction with Lady Lawson Street and its junction with Lothian Road;

(B) *from 14:00 hours to 23:59 hours* on:

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

(C) *from 15:00 hours to 23:59 hours on:*

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;

(D) *from 16:00 hours to 23:59 hours on:*

(i) **Forrest Hill**; (ii) **Melville Drive, south side**, in its entirety; (iii) **Lauriston Place, both sides**, from its junction with Forrest Road, westwards to the vehicular entrance to George Heriot's school; (iv) **Lothian Street**; (v) **Potterrow, both sides**, between its junction with Bristo Place and its junction with Marshall Street; (vi) **Chambers Street, both sides**, from its junction with George IV Bridge, eastwards for a distance of 90 metres or thereby; (vii) **Candlemaker Row**; (viii) **Victoria Street**; (ix) **West Bow**; (x) **Bank Street**; (xi) **Upper Bow**; (xii) **Castlehill**; (xiii) **Cornwall Street**; (xiv) **Cambridge Street**; (xv) **Grindlay Street**; and (xvi) **St Giles' Street**, all remaining extents on *both sides* of the east-west leg and north-south leg respectively in their entirety (out-with permit parking holder bays, Car Club bays and disabled person's parking places); and

(E) *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 4 PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS

(A) *from 15:00 hours to 22:00 hours on:*

Middle Meadow Walk, between Simpson Loan and North Meadow Walk; and

(B) *from 17:00 hours to 22:00 hours on:*

(i) **Middle Meadow Walk**: (1) between Simpson Loan and Teviot Place/Lauriston Place; and (2) between Melville Drive and Jawbone Walk/Boy's Brigade Walk; (ii) **Jawbone Walk**; and (iii) **Boy's Brigade Walk**.