

STATEMENT OF REASONS

Background:

The City of Edinburgh Council is developing a segregated cycle track and associated street improvements along a route between the Foot of the Walk and Ocean Terminal. A commitment to deliver these improvements is contained within the [Trams to Newhaven Final Business Case](#) and the route will be delivered as Phase 1 of the Leith Connections project. Concept designs were presented in a community engagement exercise during February and March 2021 (and subsequent engagement on Phase 2 proposals of the project in June to July 2021) and feedback has helped to inform route design decisions and informed the resulting and necessary Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and Redetermination Orders (RSO).

This Traffic Regulation Order presents the changes required for Phase 1A between Foot of the Walk and Dock Street, a subsequent order for Phase 1B will be published.

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The introduction of the proposed waiting and loading/ unloading restrictions is intended to complement a proposed new road layout which provides a safe off-carriageway cycle facility provided by means of Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 Redetermination Order.

The introduction of these new waiting and loading/ unloading arrangements is intended to improve road safety by reducing conflicts between motorised vehicles and pedestrians and cyclists thereby encouraging the use of sustainable travel (walking and cycling) for both commuting and local journeys and improving both the health and wellbeing of users and residents. The measures also help create new community spaces. These measures directly support the [City Mobility Plan](#) policy to, “Expand and enhance the citywide network of cycle routes to connect key destinations across the city”.