

Statement Of Reasons - RSO/25/05

As part of the former Osborne House hotel development, The City of Edinburgh Council proposes to make an Order under sections 1(1) and 152(2) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 to redetermine a section of existing footway to carriageway to facilitate the introduction of a deliveries loading bay and prevent delivery vehicles stopping on the main Devon Place carriageway. In addition to, the introduction of a section of footway to reduce the width of the existing vehicle access into Osborne House and improve the length of pedestrian footway available. The scheme is being introduced by way of Traffic Regulation Order made under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.

The City of Edinburgh Council (the Council), as Roads Authority for Edinburgh, has a duty under Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act to “secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians)”. The Council, having considered its duties under the terms of the aforementioned Act, has identified locations or has received requests to provide new restrictions, to amend existing restrictions or, as the case may be, to remove existing restrictions on waiting, loading and unloading.

Restrictions on waiting, loading and unloading have a number of benefits including reducing congestion, enabling access and improving visibility and road safety, with such restrictions directly supporting the [City Mobility Plan](#) policy to ‘Review, apply and enforce parking, waiting and loading restrictions whilst balancing the needs of local businesses and residents and people with mobility difficulties’.