

Statement of Reasons - RSO/25/14

Accessibility improvements are a fundamental part of the King's Theatre Refurbishment project with the introduction of step-free access to the main entrance being a key element of this. In order to provide this, adjustments to the public realm are required.

The Council's Meadows to Union Canal active travel project, which forms part of the Active Travel Investment Programme, also requires changes to be made to the public realm adjacent to the King's Theatre main entrance.

In order to eliminate conflicts and reduce disruption for local residents and businesses, the proposals being promoted under this statutory order will meet the requirements of both projects and the public more generally.

The primary objectives of the proposals being promoted under this statutory order are as follows:

- Support the delivery of the theatre's ambition of equitable step free access (from street to seat) through the main entrance for all patrons and visitors.
- Futureproof the new public realm adjacent to the theatre for the Meadows to Union Canal project and deliver those elements of the project that pass through it.
- Provide an increase in pedestrian pavement areas of over 100 square metres.
- Make permanent the exemption for people cycling westbound on Valleyfield Street.
- Adjust the marked Greenways restrictions on Leven Street, from Tarvit Street to Glengyle Terrace, as required to suit the new road layout. This will deliver a small increase in the overall Greenways loading bay provision.