

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (ORCHARD PARK SWALE, EDINBURGH) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2026 - RSO/24/09

The City of Edinburgh Council are introducing two new build outs, crossing points, footway and footpath at the Orchard Drive and Orchard Crescent junction as part of a wider Green-Blue infrastructure scheme.

The introduction of the build outs and redetermination of the carriageway is primarily intended to improve connectivity for walking and wheeling to Orchard Park and a new enhanced greenspace along Orchard Drive, but will provide secondary benefits by offering some traffic calming through narrowing of the carriageway and reduction of the large radius at Orchard Crescent. It has been noted by local residents that vehicles often enter Orchard Crescent at speed mistaking it for a through route, the proposals should help mitigate this.

It is also proposed to amend the existing prohibition of waiting at any time from the existing kerb line to the new kerb line to avoid and visibility issues for pedestrians crossing or vehicles emerging from Orchard Crescent or parked vehicles cause issues for those approaching the junction.