

Statement of Reasons

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS, EDINBURGH) (20MPH SPEED LIMIT)
AND (TRAFFIC REGULATION: RESTRICTIONS ON WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING,
STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES) (VARIATION NO. 1) ORDER 2026 - **TRO/25/10**

The [Granton Waterfront Development Framework](#) was approved in February 2020 and sets out a strategic and climate based approach to guide development in this area of the city. As part of this approach as well as contribute to aims and objectives set out in the City Mobility Plan and City Plan 2030 a low provision of car parking, set at 25% (1 space for every 4 residences) is proposed.

A low car parking approach is being implemented for both Western Villages and Granton Station View; this is in line with the Granton Waterfront Development Framework. Car parking provision for Western Villages is 111 spaces (25%) and Granton Station View providing 6 spaces (8%). The parking provision includes accessible/disabled, EV and car club parking.

The [Granton Waterfront Parking Implementation Strategy](#) (based on investigative work carried out between October 2021 and April 2022) examines existing Council policies and strategies to inform the approach to car parking controls, and recommends a pro-active strategic approach to managing car parking in advance of the future development phases. The parking controls proposed for Granton Waterfront aims to support the maximum level of 25% car parking within the development area and minimise any potential parking overspill.

With first occupation of Western Villages underway and Granton Station View now fully occupied, the TRO for the parking controls for the development roads needs to be progressed at the earliest opportunity to minimise any issues resulting from overspill and problem parking prior to the further parking controls being implemented.

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 following [City Mobility Plan](#) policies:

- **Movement 22 Tackling Inconsiderate Parking** – Work within legislation to tackle issues associated with parked vehicles obstructing footways, crossing points, roads and junctions.
- **Movement 34 Parking Controls** - Extend the coverage and operational period of parking controls in the city to manage parking availability for the benefit of local residents and people with mobility issues.
- **Movement 36 Parking in New Developments** - Limit the level of parking in new developments based on current and planned levels of walking/wheeling, cycling and public transport access and the capacity of surrounding streets, and include requirements for electric vehicle charging, disabled persons parking places, car club and bike hire space.
- **Movement 37 Parking, Waiting, Loading Restrictions** - Review, apply and enforce parking, waiting and loading restrictions whilst balancing the needs of local businesses and residents and people with mobility difficulties.

- **Place 5 Streets for People** – Create more liveable places by reducing the level of on street parking in areas well served by public transport whilst enabling parking for local residents and people with mobility difficulties.

The proposed restrictions are being progressed to ensure residents and visitors have access to Disabled parking and electric vehicle parking provision at the new-build mixed tenure homes at the Western Villages and Granton Station View developments at Granton Waterfront, Edinburgh.

Electric vehicle chargers support the Council's ambition to be net-zero by 2030 and directly support the City Mobility Plan, both the objective to 'reduce harmful emissions from road transport' and the Cleaner Vehicles policy to 'Encourage the switch to cleaner vehicles by supporting the growth of electric vehicle infrastructure, including the development of a citywide charging network, and monitoring progress in other low and zero emission technologies.'

The new development streets at Granton Waterfront have been designed to minimise vehicle speed and ensure a safer environment that promotes walking, wheeling and cycling. The proposed 20 mph Speed Limit will promote and ensure road safety throughout the new residential community.

To further support the low parking approach for Granton Waterfront, a number of car club bays have been identified within the Western Villages and Granton Station View developments. These will also support aims and objectives for the City Mobility Plan and encourage use of shared transport options.