

# Report authorised by the Corporate Director of Place under Delegated Powers

**29 January 2026**

## Proposed Amendment of Traffic Regulation Order and Road Scotland Order (Redford Road), Edinburgh

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 It is recommended that the Corporate Director of Place:
  - 1.1.1 Notes the objection received in relation to the advertised TRO/24/03 and RSO/24/04
  - 1.1.2 Notes that the concerns highlighted in the objection were general in nature with nothing specific stated in relation to these Orders.
  - 1.1.3 Under the terms of delegated authority agrees to set aside (for the reasons described in the report) the objection received against TRO/24/03 and to Make the Order as advertised.
  - 1.1.4 Under the terms of delegated authority agrees to set aside (for the reasons described in the report) the objection received against RSO/24/04 and to Make & Confirm the Order as advertised

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report details an objection received in response to Traffic Regulation Order TRO/24/03 and Road Scotland Order RSO/24/04, to make changes / improvements to the existing layout at Redford Road.
- 2.2 The report informs of the objection received and seeks approval to set this aside and proceed with the making of a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) and Redetermination Order (RSO) as advertised.
- 2.3 Overall, two representations were received to the advertised Order. Of these, there were; one objection and one enquiry.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The existing carriageway between Redford Road and Oxgangs Farm Drive has been closed to vehicles for over 30 years.
- 3.2 A capital maintenance scheme in May 2024 saw the previous carriageway hardstanding area between Redford Road and Oxgangs Farm Road removed and the area predominantly returned to greenspace, improving the environment and reducing surface water runoff among other benefits.
- 3.3 The scheme also included the installation of an upgraded and repositioned signalised crossing as well as cycling improvements on Redford Road.
- 3.4 Overall, and in line with the 'Designing Streets and Designing Places' policy, conditions for both pedestrians and cyclists were improved through the creation of new segregated spaces and new footways, as well as removing redundant or poorly placed infrastructure to declutter the area.
- 3.5 The new segregated areas for cyclists were in line with requests received from SPOKES for improvements to be made in the area.

## 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The Traffic Regulation Order TRO/24/03 and Road Scotland Order RSO/24/04 to make changes / improvements to the existing layout at Redford Road. Involving relocating / upgrading the pedestrian crossing and to redetermine areas of carriageway to footway, footway to carriageway, footway to reclaimed greenspace, carriageway to reclaimed greenspace and footway to cycle bypass, was advertised between 17 May 2024 to 14 June 2024.
- 4.2 At the end of this formal consultation period, the Council received one objection to the Traffic Regulation Order TRO/24/03 and Road Scotland Order RSO/24/04.

### Objection

- 4.3 The objection received stated that the proposals would bring more congestion and disruption to the city. The single objection received was general in nature with nothing specific stated for these two Orders.
- 4.4 The existing carriageway between Redford Road and Oxgangs Farm Drive has been closed to vehicles for over 30 years
- 4.5 The capital maintenance works carried out to improve the area did not make any amendments to the existing road layout for general traffic. Consequently, traffic flows have not been impacted, and no additional congestion or disruption has occurred as a result of the works.
- 4.6 If a RSO receives an objection it must be referred to the Scottish Ministers for determination. However, after seeking legal advice, they do not consider this 'objection' to meet the threshold for that, based on the complaint is a general submission against all the Orders which were being advertised by the Council at that time, and doesn't have any specific commentary or information connected to the Redford Road proposals. The advice has been to prepare this delegated powers report, noting that an objection was received, explaining that it was in vague terms and did not specify what the particular objection to the Orders were.

## 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 Under the terms of the Scheme of Delegation, if the Corporate Director of Place approves this report, the statutory process will proceed to its conclusion with the Orders Made TRO/24/03 as advertised and RSO/24/04 as advertised.

## 6. Financial impact

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- 6.1 All costs associated with promoting the required Orders will be met by the Council by way of the Capital Maintenance budget.

## 7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

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- 7.1 As part of the TRO & RSO process, statutory consultation was carried out. The order was advertised between 17 May 2024 to 14 June 2024. with an invitation to enquire, make comment or object to the order being made.

## 8. Background reading/external references

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- 8.1 None


## 9. Appendices

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- 9.1 None

## 10. Approval

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Role	Name	Signature	Date
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