

**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (TRAFFIC REGULATION: RESTRICTIONS ON
WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING, STOPPING AND PARKING PLACES)
(VARIATION NO. 14) ORDER 2026**

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Statement of reasons

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 Act, has received requests from Lothian Buses and other third parties, to provide new restrictions, to amend existing restrictions on waiting, loading and unloading, to assist with bus movements, emergency services and waste department access, where vehicles previously parked on footpaths or are causing a carriageway obstruction, and preventing bus services on existing routes and other vehicle movements not on bus routes.

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’.