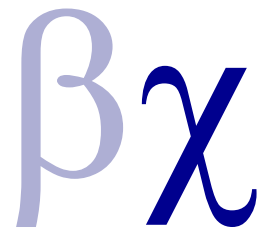


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Dear Mr Simpson,

**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (SOUTH GYLE ROAD, EDINBURGH)
(REDETERMINATION OF MEANS OF EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHT OF PASSAGE)
ORDER 2026**

1. I refer to your email of 26th February 2026 from your Council seeking confirmation from the Scottish Ministers of the above Redetermination Order and to subsequent correspondence received.
2. Following careful consideration of all of the evidence available, including the objections to the Order received by the Council and the Councils responses to those objections, the Scottish Ministers have decided to confirm the Order without modification.

Background

3. The City of Edinburgh Council is proposing to redetermine the existing means of exercise of the public right of passage at the South Gyle Road, Edinburgh. The proposed changes include that the present carriageway shall become cycle track, the right of passage being exercisable on pedal cycle and on foot only. The above Order has been promoted by the Council as the local roads authority under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended by the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984.
4. The Order was published for public consultation on 12th September 2025 with the last date for objections being 10th October 2025. At the end of the consultation period, 5 objections to the Order were received and are maintained. As required by the Stopping Up of Roads and Private Accesses and the Redetermination of Public Rights of Passage (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1986 the Council remitted the matter to Scottish Ministers on 26th February 2026 for determination by the Scottish Ministers.

5. The Scottish Ministers have considered the terms of the Order, made by the Council, the objections made, the response to the objections by the Council and the performance of the Council of the procedural requirements for making an Order under the Stopping Up of Roads and Private Means of Accesses and the Redetermination of Public Rights of Passage (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1986 ("the 1986 Regulations").

6. Ministers have considered the form and content of the Order to satisfy themselves that it was within the powers of the Council to make and that it complied with the relevant statutory procedures. Ministers carefully considered the parties' cases both for and against the Order. They took the view that the central issue in this matter is that the redetermination is justifiable as part of the rail electrification works and that acceptable alternative routes are available.

7. We have considered the objections received over the advertising period as laid out previously and are content that this was right and proper given that it would have been remiss not to consider objections that were received.

Conclusion

8. Given all of the above evidence, the Scottish Ministers have concluded that The City of Edinburgh Council (South Gyle Road, Edinburgh) (Redetermination of Means Of Exercise of Public Right of Passage) Order 2026 should be confirmed without modification.

9. A copy of this decision letter will also be sent to the objectors to the Order.

10. It is now the responsibility of City of Edinburgh Council to publish notice of the confirmation of this Order and to comply with the provisions of service and display of a notice in the manner prescribed by regulation 7 of the 1986 Regulations.

Yours sincerely



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