

STATEMENT OF REASONS

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (TRAFFIC REGULATION; TRAVELING SAFELY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT) (NO _) EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC ORDERS: -

TRO/21/26 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – CITY CENTRE AREA

TRO/21/27 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – NORTH AREA

TRO/21/28 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – EAST AREA

TRO/21/29 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – SOUTH AREA

TRO/21/30 EXPERIMENTAL TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – WEST AREA

The introduction of the proposed measures are intended to provide safer cycling infrastructure and pedestrian priority areas, encourage sustainable travel (walking and cycling), and improve connectivity on arterial and distributor routes across the City. The scheme is being introduced by way of Experimental Traffic Order made under Section 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, so as to allow the Council to modify or vary the scheme at short notice once in force, should circumstances require.

In 2020 and 2021, the Council introduced a series of measures across the city in response to the public health emergency (Coronavirus (COVID-19)). On [24 June 2021](#) the Council considered proposals to use Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders (ETROs) to for some existing schemes which facilitate walking, wheeling and cycling around the city.

The proposed extended trial is intended to support the approved transport hierarchy and measures included in the City Mobility Plan. Measures will be monitored and evaluated during the first year and considered for retention under separate traffic orders as appropriate.