

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The City of Edinburgh Council (West Crosscauseway, Edinburgh) (Prohibition and Restriction of Motor Vehicles) Traffic Regulation Order 201-(TRO/16/44)

The Causey Project proposes to transform the quality of the area around West Crosscauseway to re-establish it as an important everyday route and improve the area as a people place. The project is community led through the Causey Development Trust (CDT) set up specifically to develop this project with considerable local support and public interest following from the Tropical Island event in 2007.

The CDT established a concept for the project back in 2013. With a funding contribution from Sustrans, the Council commissioned design consultants to develop the detailed design. A consultation exercise in 2015 established community and stakeholder support for the proposals which allowed the detailed management and operation of the scheme to be developed.

A client group involving representatives including Council officers, Sustrans, Edinburgh World Heritage, Living Streets and the CDT support the proposed management arrangements for the scheme to allow the necessary statutory procedures to be started.

The Causey Project proposals to improve West Crosscauseway involve a number of improvements:

Creating more space for pedestrians and activity by creating shared spaces, including a pedestrian zone and a restricted zone, that will reduce the dominance of vehicles and create a unique public space.

Introduce new and improved pedestrian crossing facilities.

Relaying all of the surfaces with natural materials commensurate with the quality of the surrounding buildings.

Improving cycle facilities and priorities.

Reducing the vehicle carriageway and introducing raised tables to reduce the speed of vehicles and benefit all users.

Providing a more attractive environment with reduced permanent parking, improved waste management facilities, new community facilities and public space features (including a relocated police box, trees and seating).

Extensive consultation has taken place with businesses, residents and other users of the street, such as Greyfriars and Buccleuch Church, the Greek Church and the Council's local community centre in order to resolve a solution that will provide options for the immediate community to continue to operate on a daily basis. Discussions with Council services, such as waste management and the bus services have also been central to the review. The project has worked with the South Neighbourhood Environment team to promote solutions.

A number of amendments to the existing street layout are necessary, for which a Traffic Regulation Order and a Redetermination Order are required. These Orders will make changes to

- the waiting and loading restrictions,
- the pedestrian crossing facilities,
- introduce a prohibition of motor vehicles,
- introduce a restricted parking zone,
- introduce loading prohibitions and
- introduce a prohibition on vehicles over 7.9 metres in length.

Details of these are provided below.

Restricted Zones

A review of all existing waiting and loading facilities around West Crosscauseway and its approaches has been undertaken and a number of changes to waiting and loading restrictions are proposed.

The Council recognises that it is essential for businesses and residents to have access to parking and loading facilities, and has sought to ensure that these are provided at the most suitable locations to meet local demand.

Vehicular access to West Crosscauseway will be restricted to access only from Nicholson Street, removing access from Chapel Street, allowing access to Quarry Close at all times. Two-way movements will be reinstated into West Crosscauseway.

Vehicle length will be restricted.

Cycle movements will be changed to allow for two-way movements with specific access/egress points provided from Chapel Street into West Crosscauseway.

Restricted Zones will be established on West Crosscauseway and on Chapel Street. 'Loading at any time' will be available on West Crosscauseway, and general parking removed. Sites for waste bins will be provided. On Chapel Street the restrictions will be changed to remove all loading and parking.

Pedestrian Zone

A pedestrian Zone will be established restricting general access to the street in front of Buccleuch and Greyfriars Church. Loading will be available on Sunday between 10.30am and 1.00pm. All parking will be removed from the Zone.