## **Statement of Reasons**

THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL (MEADOWS TO GEORGE STREET, EDINBURGH) (PROHIBITION OF MOTOR VEHICLES, ENTRY AND TURNING, ONE-WAY ROADS AND BUS PRIORITY MEASURES) (VARIATION NO. \_) ORDER 202 TRO/21/32

The purpose of the above-mentioned Traffic Regulation Orders is to provide new vehicle access restrictions and bus lanes as well as realign existing lengths of waiting, or waiting and loading/unloading restrictions, so as to complement a new carriageway, footway and cycle track layouts provided by means of Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 Redetermination Order. The restrictions are intended to deter obstructive parking or loading/unloading activity, maintain the free flow of traffic/public transport and increase visibility and road safety to create a safer environment for pedestrians and pedal cycles. In addition, a Restricted Parking Zone is proposed to be implemented in the Order area to allow the changes to be signed and marked more sensitively within the important heritage area.

The objective aims to transform cycling, walking, public spaces and accessibility for all on in the City Centre area, thereby improving both the health and wellbeing of users and reducing motor vehicle journeys in the area.