STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL’S REASONS FOR MAKING THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING ETC) (VARIATION NO 3) ORDER 2020 - TO/R5.3.56

Eskbank Road in Bonnyrigg, the eastward continuation of Lothian Street, provides the link for general traffic and bus services from the Bonnyrigg area travelling eastwards toward the A7 and Dalkeith, and for movements from Dalkeith and Eskbank heading westwards. Traffic volumes are growing, with relentless increases in housing development in local areas, commercial activities at the A7 / A6094 junction hub, the opening of Midlothian Community Hospital, and so on.

Residential roads on the northern side of Eskbank Road in the vicinity of Lasswade Primary School are subject to a driving restriction at times when children travel to and from school. Only vehicles registered to residents on these roads, and certain other specified vehicles, may drive on these roads at these times.

However this has led to issues on Eskbank Road itself and at side junctions, where some parents and carers have parked in a manner which hinders through traffic and turning vehicles, whilst they accompany children on foot to and from the school gates.

The Council has therefore changed the kerbside waiting and parking arrangements on the section of Eskbank Road between Eldindean Terrace and Viewbank Avenue Street by:

1. applying double yellow line (all day) waiting restrictions at side-road junctions and pedestrian crossing islands to improve sight-lines, to make turning movements easier, and to reduce the likelihood of collisions with pedestrians and of minor traffic accidents, and by

(b) applying single yellow line (limited time) waiting restrictions along four lengths of kerb.

The single yellow lines will prohibit waiting for 45 minute periods on:

Monday to Thursday from 8:15 am to 9:00 am and 3:10 pm to 3:55 pm, and

Friday from 8:15 am to 9:00 am and 12:10 pm to 12:55pm.

These are the same periods as apply to the prohibition on general traffic movement on streets close to the school. At all other times, parking on these sections continues to be unrestricted, as it was previously.

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