STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR PROPOSING TO MAKE THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL (PARKING PLACES FOR DISABLED MOTORISTS) (VARIATION NO _) ORDER 201_ - TO/R5.3.65

Midlothian Council maintains a 'parent' Traffic Regulation Order {The Midlothian Council (Parking Places for Disabled Motorists) Order 2011, Ref: TO/T4.388} which specifies all the designated 'Disabled' parking bays within Midlothian. These bays may be used only by disabled people whose vehicles display a valid 'Blue Badge'.

Applications have been received for new designated bays at various locations. These have been assessed, and meet the criteria for new bays. The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 requires the Council to mark such bays on the road as soon as possible, initially on an 'advisory' basis. The Council must then take steps to incorporate these locations into the parent 2011 Order, after which they become 'enforceable'. Motorists parking in such bays whose vehicles do not display a Blue Badge then commit an offence.

This proposed new Traffic Order will have the effect of adding further bays, which have been marked on street and are already in use, to the list of enforceable bays.

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