

STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL (VARIOUS ROADS) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION ON WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING ETC) (VARIATION NO 1) ORDER 2021 - TO/R5.3.62

Midlothian Council is to provide new shelters at the four bus stops on Dalkeith High Street East for the benefit of passengers waiting for their service to arrive.

The two more westerly of these stops and their associated 'bus boxes' painted on the road - at and opposite St Nicholas Buccleuch Parish Church - adjoin lengths of kerb to which waiting restrictions apply. These stops are on sections of footway which are not wide enough to accommodate shelters. The stops must therefore be moved short distances to wider sections of footway, and the bus boxes displaced accordingly. Moving the stop on the north side will also allow passengers in wheelchairs to enter and leave buses by way of the wheelchair access ramp : the narrowness of the footway here prevents that currently.

It has therefore been necessary to make consequential adjustments to the kerbside waiting arrangements:

- on the north side of the High Street the Limited Waiting - Disabled Parking Bay - Bus Box Double-yellow Line sequence has been varied without reducing the lengths of kerb allocated for each function.
- on the south side, the change releases a further length of ~20 metres for limited duration parking convenient for town centre shops.