STATEMENT OF THE COUNCIL'S REASONS FOR MAKING THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL (STRAITON RETAIL PARK, STRAITON) (STOPPING UP) ORDER 2022 - TO/R5.3.17

A short length of the historic route of A701 Straiton Road, on the south side of B702 Loanhead Road, was cut off as a cul-de-sac many years ago following the major improvement and re-alignment of the A701 to create its junction with the new City Bypass.

The remaining houses which faced onto the severed section of road were demolished around 2016, and this cul-de-sac has remained in a derelict condition since, awaiting redevelopment of this land, which adjoins the large and busy Straiton Retail Park complex. It is necessary now to 'Stop Up' this cul-de-sac In order for this development potential to be realised.

A temporary alternative route will be available, via B702 Loanhead Road, for pedestrians wishing to access the existing Retail Centre from the north whilst the development is underway. A direct pedestrian route will be reinstated when the permanent development of this area of land is completed.