

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR MAKING THE MIDLOTHIAN COUNCIL (PARKING PLACES FOR DISABLED MOTORISTS) (VARIATION NO 1) ORDER 2024 - TO/R5.3.105

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 in residential areas within Midlothian. These bays may be used only by disabled motorists whose vehicles display a valid 'Blue Badge'.

Applications have been received and assessed for new 'Disabled' bays at various locations. The Disabled Persons' Parking Places (Scotland) Act 2009 requires the Council to mark approved 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 Order, after which they become 'enforceable'. Motorists parking in such bays whose vehicles do not display a Blue Badge then commit an offence and are liable to a fine.

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