STATEMENT OF THE SCOTTISH MINISTERS REASONS

**THE A702 TRUNK ROAD (HILLEND) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING, LOADING AND UNLOADING) ORDER 202[ ]**

The Scottish Ministers propose to change the waiting, loading and unloading restrictions on the A702 Trunk Road where it passes through Hillend at the boundary between the Midlothian and Edinburgh Council administrative areas.

These proposals seek to facilitate the safe and efficient use of the proposed junction upgrade at the Midlothian Snowsports Centre Access by altering the provision for waiting, loading and unloading, thereby decreasing the likelihood of stationary vehicles being present on each approach to the new A702 junction layout.

These modifications to the restrictions on this section of the A702 trunk road will help to accommodate the increased number of vehicle movements associated with the proposed ‘Destination Hillend’ leisure attraction.

The proposed Order will make changes to the existing parking arrangements on the A702 (Biggar Road) including the addition of no waiting, loading and unloading restrictions around the Steading Public House which is currently a parking layby.

The proposed Order will not make changes to the existing parking arrangements and bus stop locations north of the Esso Filling Station, which is located to the north of the Snowsports Centre access.