**EAST LOTHIAN COUNCIL (OFF STREET COASTAL PARKING PLACES) (VARIOUS ROADS (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTIONS ON WAITING, LOADING AND UN-LOADING, ETC)) ORDER 2014**

**STATEMENT OF REASON**

East Lothian Council operates public coastal carparks throughout East Lothian in accordance with powers and duties contained in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 as amended.

The purpose of providing car parks is to provide a safer parking location; assist traffic management by providing facilities off-road; to support and boost economic activity within the Council area and to enhance and protect the environment.

The management and operation of coastal carparks requires maintenance, the provision of facilities, a safe low risk environment, as well as staff to manage, monitor and maintain use. It is appropriate for those who use coastal public carparks to pay to do so, but every intention will be made to keep the cost as low as reasonably practicable.