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London 2012: Taxis and cars banned from Edinburgh Waverley Station

Taxis and cars are to be banned permanently from Edinburgh Waverley Station as part of anti-terrorism measures.

The move comes into force at the end of July in time for the London 2012 Olympics.

Network Rail, which runs Waverley, said it was the last major station to still allow cars underneath the station roof.

Officials said they would install a plan for people with disabilities and the elderly to be able to exit.

A Network Rail spokesman said: "To comply with security legislation, Network Rail has agreed to remove taxis and private vehicles from Edinburgh Waverley Station by the end of July 2012.

"Waverley is the last major station operated by Network Rail to allow private vehicles under the station roof and this has been designated as a security risk. Network Rail is required to comply with legislation to remove vehicles prior to the London Olympic Games. The order applies to major transport hubs across Britain.

"Network Rail has been working with Edinburgh City Council to examine options for an alternative location for a station taxi rank and drop off area.