

HUMBER BRIDGE BOARD



HUMBER BRIDGE BYELAWS 2025

**made under Section 98
of the
Humber Bridge Act 1959**

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The Humber Bridge Board, in exercise of the powers conferred on them by section 98 of the Humber Bridge Act, 1959 and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following Byelaws:

PART I

GENERAL

1. These Byelaws may be cited as "the Humber Bridge Byelaws 2025"
2. The Byelaws relating to the use and operation of the Humber Bridge made on the 23rd October 2003 are hereby revoked.
3. In the Byelaws unless the subject or context otherwise requires the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:

"Approved Payment Options"	shall include payment by card or bank transfer via the Humber Bridge Toll Account or payment by card for a guest crossing via the website or by phone or payment in cash for a guest crossing using an authorised Paypoint location;
"Authorised Officer"	means any authorised officer of the Board and for the purposes of the Byelaws set out in Part II (Traffic Control) and Part IV (Public Order and Prevention of Nuisances) of the Byelaws additionally means any police constable authorised by the Board to act on their behalf;
"Bicycle"	means a bicycle, electrically assisted pedal cycle or tricycle not being a motor vehicle;
"the Board"	means the Humber Bridge Board;
"the Bridge"	means so much of the bridge as defined in Section 4 of the Humber Bridge Act 1959 (as amended by Section 4 of the Humber Bridge Act 1973 and Schedule 3 of the Humber Bridge Act 2013) as is shown coloured pink on the plan annexed to these Byelaws;
"the Bridge Structures"	means the river bridge, the north and south approach viaducts, the bridge over Ferriby Road Hessle and the bridge over Far Ings Road Barton-upon-Humber all of which are shown on the plan annexed to these Byelaws;
"Carriageways"	means the parts of the bridge allocated for the passage of vehicles;
"Crossing"	means a single journey in one direction;

"Driver"	<p>In these Byelaws a reference to a driver of a vehicle—</p> <p>(a) includes a reference to any person who is responsible for, or who is in a position to take responsibility for, driving, steering or controlling the vehicle; and</p> <p>(b) in relation to a self-driving vehicle, includes a reference to any person who—</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">caused the vehicle to enter self-driving mode,programmed the vehicle in respect of all or any part of the current journey, oris responsible for, or is in a position to take responsibility for, overriding or terminating the self-driving mode.
"Humber Bridge Toll Account"	<p>means a prepaid account facility for making pre-payment or payments for the use of the Bridge;</p>
"Permission"	<p>means permission given expressly, not by implication or sufferance, and in relation to a particular occasion or circumstance;</p>
"Registered Keeper"	<p>means the person registered as the owner of a vehicle in accordance with section 21 of the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994;</p>
"the Regulations"	<p>shall mean the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 or any statutory modification thereof</p>
"Self-driving Vehicle"	<p>means a vehicle which is designed or adapted to be capable of following a route, or maintaining a speed, programmed by or on behalf of a user of the car without requiring human control or intervention, and—</p> <p>(a) a vehicle is in "self-driving mode" while it is controlled by that programme; and</p> <p>(b) a reference in these Byelaws to anything being done or not done, or being required or permitted to be done or not done, by a driver of a vehicle, includes a reference</p>

to a driver of a self-driving vehicle while in self-driving mode causing or permitting the thing to be done or not done in respect of the vehicle.

"Shared Use Paths" means the parts of the bridge allocated for passage of pedestrians and bicycles

"Trailer" has the meaning given by Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988;

"Vehicle" means a motor vehicle as defined by Section 136 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and includes a Trailer;

"Vehicle Parks" means those areas on the north bank of the River Humber allocated for the parking of vehicles, forming part of the bridge as defined in the Humber Bridge Act 1959 and shown on the plan annexed to these Byelaws

In these byelaws the masculine includes the feminine and the singular includes the plural except where the context otherwise admits.

PART II

TRAFFIC CONTROL

4. Drivers of Vehicles, riders of Bicycles and pedestrians shall comply with all notices and signals displayed on the Bridge, Bridge Structures or Vehicle Parks by or under the authority of the Board and with directions given by an authorised officer which notices, signals and directions require traffic:-
 - (a) to stop at any particular point on the Bridge or Vehicle Parks and not to proceed past that point unless it is safe to do so;
 - (b) at any particular point on the Bridge or Vehicle Parks to give way to other traffic and not to proceed past that point unless it is safe to do so;
 - (c) to proceed in a certain direction upon the Bridge or Vehicle Parks; or
 - (d) to use a particular lane drawn upon the Bridge or Vehicle Parks;
5. (a) the procedures for imposing mandatory speed limits and the penalties

for contravening local speed limits are prescribed in the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the Road Traffic Offenders Act 1988

- (b) exceeding any temporary advisory speed limit is not recommended on grounds of safety and may lead to prosecution for negligence in the event of an accident occurring through it
6. A person driving a Vehicle on the Bridge shall not stop the Vehicle unless directed by an Authorised Officer, notice or signal or compelled by traffic, or unless it is necessary for the Vehicle to do so:-
- (a) by reason of a breakdown of the Vehicle; or
 - (b) by reason of any accident, illness or other emergency; or
 - (c) to permit any person carried in or on the Vehicle to give help which is required by any other person in any of the circumstances specified in paragraph (a) or (b) above.
7. The driver of any Vehicle stopping on the Bridge shall proceed on his way as soon as he is properly able to do so and in particular in the event of a stoppage of the Vehicle on the Bridge due to mechanical breakdown or other failure he shall, if he is able to do so, immediately remedy that breakdown or failure or alternatively and in the event the remedy can not be completed without causing danger or undue delay to users of the Bridge, make arrangements with all possible speed for the removal of the vehicle from the Bridge at the earliest opportunity: Provided that he shall not attempt or continue with a remedy but shall make arrangements with all possible speed for the removal of the Vehicle from the Bridge at the earliest opportunity if an Authorised Officer forms the view that the presence of the Vehicle or the carrying out of the remedy may or is likely to be a danger or cause unreasonable delay to users of the Bridge and directs the driver to make those arrangements: Provided also that it shall not be an offence under this Byelaw to fail to make arrangements with all possible speed for the removal of a Vehicle from the Bridge at the earliest opportunity if the driver gives his consent to its removal to a Vehicle Park by competent persons instructed by an Authorised Officer.
8. Unless directed by an Authorised Officer, notice or signal or compelled by traffic a person driving a Vehicle on the Bridge shall not turn or reverse a

Vehicle so as to proceed in the opposite direction to that in which it has been going.

9. No Vehicle shall be driven on or taken on to the Shared Use Paths except with the Permission of an Authorised Officer.
10. Pedestrians on the Bridge shall keep to the Shared Use Paths unless directed otherwise by an Authorised Officer.
11. A person in charge of a Bicycle shall not ride or wheel a Bicycle on any part of the Bridge Structures except a Shared Use Path and shall give way to pedestrians using such a path.
12. Subject to Byelaw 7 above a person shall not carry out any repair on or servicing or re-fuelling of, a Vehicle on the Bridge, Bridge Structures or Vehicle Parks unless Permission has been granted by an Authorised Officer.
13. When the Board wholly or partially close the Bridge or any portion of the Bridge or the Vehicle Parks or any portion of the Vehicle Parks in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by section 49 of the Humber Bridge Act 1959, no person shall drive, ride or walk on the Bridge or the Vehicle Parks contrary to any notice published by the Board in pursuance of the proviso of the said section 49.
14. No Vehicle shall be driven on the Bridge, or in any Vehicle Park, if the driver thereof is informed by an Authorised Officer that in his opinion the Vehicle is so built or equipped or is so loaded or is carrying a load of such a nature that it is likely to be a danger to persons or property, to damage the Bridge or a Vehicle Park or to delay traffic unreasonably.

PART III

SPECIAL CLASSES OF TRAFFIC

15. A person other than one exempted under section 68 of the Humber Bridge Act 1959
 - (1) shall not cause or permit any animal other than a dog on a lead, to enter or remain on a Shared Use Path or Vehicle Park:
 - (2) shall not, except with the prior Permission of an Authorised Officer cause or

permit any animal to enter or remain on a Carriageway other than an animal kept under control in a Vehicle.

PART IV

PUBLIC ORDER AND PREVENTION OF NUISANCES

16. A person shall not go upon any part of the Bridge Structures other than the Carriageways, Shared Use Paths or go upon any part of the Bridge not open to the public and in particular a person shall not:-
 - (a) enter any of the towers, anchorage chambers, service walkways or service chambers;
 - (b) climb on the parapets, steel work, cables or any other part of the Bridge;
 - (c) moor a boat or vessel to any pier or other part of the Bridge.
17. A person shall not without Permission from an Authorised Officer remove, jump or get over or under, any bar, rail, fence or barrier or open any gate or movable barrier fitted or placed on any part of the Bridge or in a Vehicle Park.
18. A person on the Bridge shall not drop or allow to fall anything on to the Bridge Structures or approach roads or over the parapet of the Bridge Structures or over any fence or wall on or abutting on the Bridge Structures so as to endanger or cause injury or damage to any person or property.
19. A person shall not without Permission from an Authorised Officer paint, write, stamp, print or draw on or otherwise mark or deface any part of the Bridge or Vehicle Park or post or display on or affix to any part of the Bridge or Vehicle Park any flag, banner, slogan, bill, placard or notice, device or object.
20. A person shall not unless previously authorised in writing by the Board offer for sale or sell any service, article or produce of any description, or organise an event or not for profit activity on any part of the Bridge or in a Vehicle Park.
21. A person shall not on the Bridge or in a Vehicle Park play any game which causes or is likely to cause danger or obstruction nor fly any kite, drone or other object nor suspend any object over the side of the Bridge Structures.
22. No person shall loiter or remain on the Bridge or the Bridge Structure or the Vehicle Parks or in any Vehicle thereon having been requested by an Authorised Officer to desist therefrom.
23. No person shall interfere or tamper with or damage any equipment, signs,

notices, temporary signs, coning or lighting at roadworks or any other apparatus erected on or attached to any part of the Bridge or Vehicle Park or Bridge Structure.

24. No person shall intentionally obstruct or impede any Authorised Officer in the execution of his duty.
25. No person shall alight from any Vehicle on the Bridge otherwise than in an emergency or unless directed by an Authorised Officer.

PART V

TOLLS AND CHARGES

26. (1) A toll is payable for every crossing in respect of each vehicle crossing the Bridge.
- (2) A driver and the registered keeper of a Vehicle shall be jointly and severally liable for a toll payable in respect of each vehicle crossing.
- (3) Where a toll becomes payable in respect of a Vehicle the toll must be paid using Approved Payment Option before midnight the day after the crossing in respect of which the toll is payable.
- (4) Nothing in this Byelaw shall apply to any of the persons exempted: -
 - (a) by the Humber Bridge Acts 1959 to 2013 or any subsequent Acts; or
 - (b) by an exemption approved by the Humber Bridge Board.
27. The user of a Vehicle carrying wide or long loads or vehicles carrying loads or having fixed appliances or apparatus which project as more particularly defined in regulations 81 and 82 and Schedule 12 of the Regulations and in section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 shall give notice of the intended use to an Authorised Officer that he proposes to use the Vehicle or Vehicles on the Bridge or Bridge Structures. Notice shall be given so that it is received by the date after which there are at least two working days before the date on which the use of the Vehicle or Vehicles is to

begin. The notice shall also include the particulars as set out in Schedule 12 of the Regulations. Before proceeding across the bridge the driver must stop the vehicle and notify an Authorised Officer that the vehicle has arrived and intends to cross the Bridge. Arrangements will then be made to allow the Vehicle or Vehicles across the bridge in a safe and orderly manner. An Authorised Officer may be provided for the purpose of escorting the Vehicle or Vehicles across the Bridge and shall take any other precautionary measures which in the officer's opinion are deemed to be expedient to allow the Vehicle or Vehicles to use the Bridge in a safe manner.

PART VI

POWER TO EXCLUDE

28. An Authorised Officer may prevent from entering upon any part of the Bridge or the Bridge Structures or Vehicle Parks (and to use reasonable force for the purpose of so doing) the following persons namely

(a) the driver of any vehicle who that or any such officer has reasonable cause to believe is contravening or will if he so proceeds contravene any of these Byelaws, and

(b) any person who having been requested to leave the Bridge, Bridge Structures or Vehicle Parks has refused to do so.

29. An Authorised Officer shall have power to remove from the Bridge, Bridge Structure or the Vehicle Parks any Vehicle which appears to have been abandoned by the driver. Any Vehicle so removed by an Authorised Officer shall be stored by the Board until collected by the authorised keeper. The Authorised Officer shall use all reasonable care in removing the abandoned Vehicle but shall not be liable to the registered keeper for any damage occasioned to the Vehicle caused by its removal. The registered keeper of the Vehicle shall pay the Board's reasonable costs in removing the Vehicle and any storage charges. A Vehicle in the custody of the Board pursuant to this Byelaw may be disposed of by the Board any time after the Board has taken such reasonable steps to find a person appearing to them to be the owner of the Vehicle and either

(a) it has failed to find such a person or

(b) the owner has failed to comply with a duly served notice requiring removal of the Vehicle within the period specified in the notice for its custody.

30. An Authorised Officer of the Board shall have the power to close the Vehicle Parks for the purpose of security. If an Authorised Officer requires the Vehicle Parks to be closed other than overnight the Board shall arrange to erect a notice at the entrance to the Vehicle Parks giving notice of their intention to close the Vehicle Parks for another reason.

PART VII

SAVING FOR AUTHORISED OFFICERS AND OTHERS

31. (1) Nothing in the foregoing Byelaws shall prevent access to any part of the Bridge or Vehicle Parks at any time by:-
- (a) Authorised Officers;
 - (b) any persons engaged in the maintenance, repair, cleaning or lighting of the Bridge or Vehicle Park;
 - (c) police constables and members of a fire brigade or of an ambulance service while engaged in the exercise of their duties; and
 - (d) any person giving necessary assistance to any other person on the Bridge or in a Vehicle Park.
- (2) Nothing in the foregoing Byelaws shall prevent access to any part of the Bridge or Vehicle Parks or Bridge Structures by any person in accordance with any permission given by an Authorised Officer.

PART VIII

FINES AND PROCEEDINGS

32. Any person who shall offend against any of the foregoing Byelaws shall be liable to a fine not exceeding level 3 of the standard scale as contained within Section 122 of the Sentencing Act 2020.

The COMMON SEAL of the)
HUMBER BRIDGE BOARD)
was hereunto affixed)
on the day of)
in the presence of:-)

Clerk to the Humber Bridge Board

THE FOREGOING BYELAWS ARE HEREBY CONFIRMED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR TRANSPORT AND SHALL COME INTO OPERATION ON

Signed by authority of
the Secretary of State

A Divisional Manager in
the Department for Transport

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Humber Bridge structure and vehicle parks as covered by the Humber Bridge Byelaws 2025 and as referred to in that document

