

# **HUMBER BRIDGE BOARD**



## **HUMBER BRIDGE BYELAWS 2003**

**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 2003"
2. The Byelaws relating to the use and operation of the Humber Bridge made on the 5<sup>th</sup> August 1981 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:

"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 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) 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 hatched black over pink on the plan annexed to these Byelaws;
"Carriageways"	means the parts of the bridge allocated for the passage of vehicles;
"Cycle Tracks"	means the parts of the bridge allocated for the passage of bicycles and pedestrians;
"Footways"	means the part of the bridge allocated for the passage of pedestrians and includes the observation and viewing areas;
"Permission"	means permission given expressly, not by implication or sufferance, and in relation to a particular occasion or circumstance;

"the Regulations"	shall mean the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 or any statutory modification thereof
"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 cross hatched black 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 horses and pedestrians shall comply with all notices and signals displayed on the Bridge 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, except at a toll booth, 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 recover or move any object which has fallen on the bridge; or
  - (d) 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), (b) or (c) 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. (1) 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.  
  
(2) An Authorised Officer shall not direct a person driving a Vehicle on the Bridge to turn or reverse so as to proceed in the opposite direction in any case where that person has already paid or accounted for the toll or has undertaken to pay the toll demanded of him unless that person is given an authority for a refund of that toll from the Board or a release from that undertaking.

9. No Vehicle shall be driven on or taken on to the Cycle Tracks except with the Permission of an Authorised Officer.
10. Pedestrians on the Bridge shall keep to the Cycle Tracks or the footways 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 Cycle Track and shall give way to pedestrians using such a track.
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 Cycle Track or Footway or Vehicle Park:
  - (2) shall not, except with the prior Permission of an Authorised Officer:-
    - (a) drive, ride or lead a horse or drive or lead a horse-drawn Vehicle on a Carriageway; or
    - (b) cause or permit any other 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 without Permission from an Authorised Officer go upon any part of the Bridge Structures other than the Carriageways, Cycle Tracks or Footways or go upon any part of the Bridge not open to the public and in particular a person shall not without Permission from an Authorised Officer:-
- (a) enter any of the towers, anchorage chambers, service walkways, service chambers or toll booths;
  - (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 article or produce of any description 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 or other object nor suspend any object over the side of the Bridge Structures.
22. A person in a state of intoxication shall not enter, or attempt to enter, (except as a passenger in a vehicle) any part of the Bridge or Vehicle Park.
23. 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.
24. No person on the Bridge or the Bridge Structure shall tamper with or damage any telephone or television equipment or any other telecommunication apparatus erected on or attached to the Bridge or any part of the Bridge Structure.
25. No person shall intentionally obstruct or impede any Authorised Officer in the execution of his duty.
26. No person shall interfere with or tamper with any signs, notices, temporary signs, coning or lighting at roadworks erected on the Bridge or Bridge Structure.
27. 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

28. A person driving a Vehicle liable to toll shall stop the vehicle at a toll booth and shall not proceed beyond that toll booth until:-
  - (a) in respect of any toll which is lawfully demanded of him, he
    - (i) make sufficient payment in cash, or
    - (ii) surrenders a valid pre-paid ticket, or
    - (iii) shows to the Authorised Officer demanding the toll a valid season ticket; and
  - (b) by a signal displayed at the toll booth or by direction from an Authorised Officer he is authorised to proceed;

Provided that it shall not be an offence under this Byelaw to proceed beyond a toll booth or to fail to pay or account for toll lawfully demanded in any case where an Authorised Officer authorises the crossing of the bridge in return for an undertaking to pay the toll within 30 days and that toll and any associated administration charge are paid within that period to the Board; Provided also that nothing in this byelaw shall apply to any of the persons mentioned in Byelaw 32.

29. 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

30. It shall be lawful for an Authorised Officer to prevent from entering upon 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 Structure or Vehicle Parks has refused to do so.
31. 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 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.

If before a Vehicle is disposed of by the Board in pursuance of this byelaw the Vehicle is claimed by a person who produces evidence to the Board showing ownership and pays to the Board such sums in respect of its removal and storage the Board shall permit that person to remove the Vehicle from its custody during such period as may be allowed by the Board.

If before the expiration of the period of one year beginning with the date on which the Vehicle is sold by the Board in pursuance of this Byelaw any person produces evidence of ownership to the Board that at the time of its sale the Vehicle belonged to that person, the Board shall pay over to that person any sum by which the proceeds of sale exceed the aggregate of such sums in respect of the removal storage and disposal of the vehicle as determined by the Board.

32. 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 at least 24 hours notice of their intention to close the Vehicle Parks for another reason

## PART VII

### SAVING FOR AUTHORISED OFFICERS AND OTHERS

33. (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

34. 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 37(2) of the Criminal Justice Act 1982.

THE COMMON SEAL of the )  
HUMBER BRIDGE BOARD )  
was hereunto affixed )  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of September )  
in the presence of:- 2003 )



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for, Clerk to the Humber Bridge Board

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THE FOREGOING BYELAWS ARE HEREBY CONFIRMED BY THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT AND SHALL COME INTO  
OPERATION ON 23 October 2003

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Signed by authority of  
the Secretary of State

A Divisional Manager in  
the Department for Transport

T3/GJ/VAF  
7<sup>th</sup> July 2003  
Amd: 04.09.03-VAF

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Humber Bridge structure and vehicle parks as covered by the Humber Bridge Byelaws 2003  
and as referred to in that document

