

**THE RIVER TYNE (TUNNELS) ORDER 2005 AS MODIFIED BY THE RIVER TYNE (TUNNELS)  
(MODIFICATION) ORDER 2011 (THE “MODIFIED ORDER”)**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED REVISION IN VEHICLE CLASSIFICATIONS**

The North East Combined Authority proposes to make an amendment of the River Tyne (Tunnels) (Revision of Tolls) Order 2021 to reflect the removal of toll-booths in the implementation of free-flow traffic through the tunnels. The Order replaces one aspect of the definitions of the classes of vehicle as set out in the table below.

<b>Provision of the Order to be amended</b>	<b>Words to be replaced</b>	<b>Words to be substituted</b>
Schedule to the River Tyne (Tunnels) (Revision of Tolls) Order 2021	“Mechanically propelled vehicle other than a vehicle in Class 1; Having a height of 2 metres or less, or Having a height greater than 2 metres and less than 3 metres and maximum of 2 axles, or Being an articulated vehicle with tractor unit height of 2 metres or less and trailer height of less than 3 metres”	“Mechanically propelled vehicle other than a vehicle in Class 1, having a maximum weight not exceeding 3.5 tonnes”

Subject to laws in force from time to time relating to COVID-19 restrictions, arrangements may be made to view copies of the documents in person by contacting the Authority's Deputy Monitoring Officer (Transport) at the Borough Council of Gateshead address below.

Section 13 of the Tyne and Wear Act 1976 as substituted by paragraph 17 of Schedule 14 to the Modified Order applies to the above revision in the classification of vehicles. Any person may object to the revision in vehicle classifications by giving notice to the Secretary of State for Transport accompanied by the grounds of objection within a period of 42 days from the date of first publication of this Notice. The revision in the classification of vehicles will take effect 28 days after the Secretary of State has made an order varying classification of vehicles in accordance with section 13 of the Tyne and Wear Act 1976.

**North East Combined Authority (on behalf of the North East Joint Transport Committee)**

c/o Gateshead Council, Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, NE8 1HH

Dated: 03 September 2021