

MERSEY TUNNELS BYELAWS 2026

BYELAWS made by the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority in pursuance of Section 102 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 as amended by the Mersey Tunnels Order 1986 and the Mersey Tunnels Act 2004 with regard to the Mersey Tunnels, the Approaches and Marshalling Areas. These Byelaws may be cited as the Mersey Tunnels Byelaws 2026.

1. **INTERPRETATION**

In these Byelaws:

“Approaches” means all or any of the approach roads and approaches to the Queensway Tunnel authorised by the Mersey Tunnel Acts 1925 to 1928 and the Birkenhead Corporation (Mersey Tunnel Approaches) Act 1965 and all or any of the approach roads and approaches to the Kingsway Tunnels authorised by the Mersey Tunnel (Liverpool/Wallasey) etc Act 1965 and the Mersey Tunnel (Liverpool/Wallasey) Act 1968;

“Authority” means the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority or any subsequent successor body

“Authorised Officer” means any person authorised by the Authority to exercise the powers and functions contained in these Byelaws;

“Carriageway” means that part of a highway which is constructed to be suitable for regular use of motor vehicles;

“Central Reservation” means that part of a highway which separates the two carriageways of that highway;

“Cycle” – means a bicycle, a tricycle, or a cycle having four or more wheels, not being in any case a motor vehicle

“Chief Police Officer” shall mean the person designated as such by the Authority from time to time, being responsible for the Mersey Tunnels Police and the management of the operational aspects of the Tunnels;

“Motor Vehicle” – means a mechanically propelled vehicle, intended or adapted for use on roads as defined by Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 and the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

“Marshalling Area” means an area provided for the marshalling of vehicles using, or intending to use, the Tunnels;

“Mersey Tunnels Police Officer” means an officer appointed pursuant to Section 105 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980;

“Schedule of Tolls” means the schedule of tolls fixed from time to time by the Authority in accordance with Sections 91 and 92 of the County of Merseyside Act 1980 as amended by the Mersey Tunnels Order 1986, the Mersey Tunnels Act 2004 and any succeeding legislation associated with the toll setting process;

“Traffic Sign” has the same meaning as in Section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and shall include a traffic signal;

“Trailer” – *A vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle*

“Tunnels” means any one or more of the tunnels authorised by the Mersey Tunnel Acts 1925 to 2004 comprising the tunnel between Liverpool and Birkenhead

called “the Queensway Tunnel” and the two tunnels between Liverpool and Wallasey called “the Kingsway Tunnels”.

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

Any reference in these byelaws to any statute or statutory provision shall be construed as referring to that statute or statutory provision as it may from time to time be amended, modified, extended, re-enacted or replaced and including all subordinate legislation from time to time made under it.

The Interpretation Act 1978 applies to the interpretation of these byelaws as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament

2. REVOCATION OF PREVIOUS BYELAWS

All previous Mersey Tunnel Byelaws are hereby revoked.

PART I: THE TUNNELS, APPROACHES AND MARSHALLING AREAS

3. REGULATION OF TRAFFIC

The driver of any Motor Vehicle within the Tunnels, the Approaches and Marshalling Areas and any rider of any Cycle in the Queensway Tunnel and on the said Approaches to the Queensway Tunnel shall:

- (a) cause that Motor Vehicle or Cycle to enter the Tunnels through an entrance and, after proceeding through the Tunnel, to leave through an exit on the opposite side of the River Mersey;
- (b) observe and obey all signals and instructions given by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer;
- (c)
 - (i) if either they are about to drive their Motor Vehicle or have driven their Motor Vehicle by means of the Tunnels, be liable to pay a toll before it finishes its passage through the Tunnels at a level displayed at all entry points of the Tunnels area and as prescribed by the Schedule of Tolls in force at the time and to pay such toll via a method and by such time as determined and published by the Authority from time to time;
 - (ii) in the event payment of the toll as set out in Byelaw 3(c)(i) above is by way of payment at an appropriate toll payment point, cause that Motor Vehicle to proceed to an appropriate toll payment point and shall not cause it to proceed beyond that toll payment point until they have paid the appropriate toll as prescribed by the Schedule of Tolls in force at the time or have been authorised by an Authorised Officer to cause their Motor Vehicle so to proceed without such payment being made
- (d) unless otherwise directed to do so by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, not cause or permit their Motor Vehicle or Cycle to make a U-turn in the Tunnels or the Approaches;

- (e) not cause their Motor Vehicle or Cycle to cross the line or marks separating the traffic lanes in the Tunnels unless otherwise authorised or directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, or by a Traffic Sign.
- (f) unless otherwise authorised or directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, not cause their Motor Vehicle or Cycle to overtake another Motor Vehicle travelling or stationary in the same lane;
- (g) unless otherwise authorised or directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Office or other Authorised Officer, not cause their Motor Vehicle to be towed through the Tunnels. Authorisation will only be provided if the equipment is deemed sufficient for the purpose and in a manner compliant with Rule 98 of the Highway Code.
- (h) neither use nor permit any passenger in their Motor Vehicle or Cycle to use any horn, siren, whistle, or other noise making device, provided that nothing in this Byelaw shall prevent a driver from using a horn in an emergency;
- (i) obey all Traffic Signs in the Tunnels or on the Approaches unless otherwise instructed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer.
- (j) where instructed to halt their Cycle or halt and switch off their Motor Vehicle by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, comply with this instruction and keep Motor Vehicle stopped and switched off until said instructions are rescinded;
- (k) proceed on the carriageway without stopping unless otherwise authorised or directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer or

by any Traffic Sign or prevented from doing so by traffic conditions or other unavoidable cause;

- (l) not convey flammable material or loose materials likely to be displaced by movement of air unless covered with tarpaulin or the like;
- (m) on entering the Tunnels extinguish or obscure all elective Motor Vehicle lamps other than those required by any regulations for the time being in force under the Road Traffic Act 1988, or any amendment or succeeding legislation thereof, to be carried during the hours of darkness, and shall keep the same extinguished or obscured until the Motor Vehicle has passed out of the Tunnels. The use of full-beam headlights, spotlights or fog lights in the Tunnels is prohibited;
- (n) cause their Motor Vehicle, whether moving or stationary, to remain a clear spacing from any Motor Vehicle ahead of not less than 23 metres in the Queensway Tunnel and not less than 36 metres (72 metres for Heavy Goods Vehicles) in the Kingsway Tunnel. This distance should be measured along the centre of the Carriageway on which the Motor Vehicle is, except that, if the Motor Vehicle is stopped in obedience to a Traffic Sign, it shall maintain a clear spacing from any Motor Vehicle ahead of not less than 2.75 metres measured as aforesaid, or such other spacing as a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer shall direct.
- (o) not drive a Motor Vehicle or ride any Cycle if they are informed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer that in the opinion of that officer it is so loaded, built or equipped as to be likely to inhibit traffic, to injure persons or to damage property.

- (p) not drive any Motor Vehicle or ride any Cycle containing faecal or offensive or noxious matter or any substance likely to be a nuisance or cause damage to the Tunnels, the Approaches, the Marshalling Areas or to persons using the same;
- (q) not drive a Motor Vehicle or ride any Cycle if they are informed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer that in the opinion of that officer, they are unable for any reason to operate their Motor Vehicle in a proper and safe manner;
- (r) not drive any Motor Vehicle which is not provided with sufficient and reliable brakes and with such mechanical power as will ensure its maintaining the minimum speed specified in these Byelaws in relation to the lane in which it is moving;
- (s) unless otherwise directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer or a Traffic Sign, cause their Motor Vehicle or Cycle while on a length of Carriageway which is adjacent to a Central Reservation to be only driven in such a direction so that the Central Reservation is at all times on the right-hand side of the Motor Vehicle or Cycle;
- (t) unless otherwise directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, not without reasonable excuse cause a Motor Vehicle on a Carriageway to be driven or moved backwards except insofar as it may be necessary to enable the Motor Vehicle to proceed forwards along the Carriageway or to be connected to any other Motor Vehicle;
- (u) unless otherwise directed by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer not without reasonable excuse cause a Motor Vehicle to

be driven or moved or to stop or remain at rest on a Central Reservation nor drive a Motor Vehicle across a Central Reservation; or

- (v) unless otherwise authorised by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, not park on property owned by the Authority adorned with signage prohibiting such parking.

4. **SPEED LIMITS**

- (a) In the Kingsway Tunnels the maximum speed for Motor Vehicles shall be 40 mph and, unless prevented by traffic conditions, the minimum speed shall be 10 mph provided that a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer may permit a Motor Vehicle to enter the Kingsway Tunnels and proceed in the left-hand lane of a Carriageway at a speed less than 10 mph at such time or times as the said officer shall specify.
- (b) In the Queensway Tunnel, for Motor Vehicles using the left-hand lane of a Carriageway the maximum speed shall be 30 mph and, unless prevented by traffic conditions, the minimum speed shall be 10 mph provided that a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer may permit a Motor Vehicle to enter the Queensway Tunnel and proceed in the left-hand lane of a Carriageway at a speed less than 10 mph at such time or times as the said officer shall specify.
- (c) In the Queensway Tunnel, for Motor Vehicles using the right-hand lane or lanes of a Carriageway, the maximum speed shall be 30 mph and, unless prevented by traffic conditions, the minimum speed shall be 20 mph provided that a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer may permit a Motor Vehicle to enter the Queensway Tunnel and proceed in

the left-hand lane of a Carriageway at a speed less than 20 mph at such time or times as the said officer shall specify

- (d) Within the Approaches to the Kingsway Tunnels the maximum speed for a Motor Vehicle -
 - (i) on so much of the Approaches forming the toll plaza situated between the eastern bridge carrying Gorsey Lane (A5027) roundabout, including the slip roads to that roundabout, and the bridge carrying Oakdale Road over the Approaches in the Wallasey District of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral shall be 30mph;
 - (ii) on so much of the Approaches as is situated between the Kingsway Tunnels and the bridge carrying Mill Lane (A5088) over the Approaches in the Wallasey District of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral, other than those specified in (i) above, shall be 40 mph;
 - (iii) on all roads comprised in the Approaches in the Wallasey District of the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral other than those specified in (i) and (ii) above, shall be 50 mph;
 - (iv) on so much of the Approaches as is situated between the Kingsway Tunnels and the bridge carrying Scotland Road (A59) over the Approaches in the City of Liverpool, shall be 40 mph; and
 - (v) on all roads comprised in the Approaches in the City of Liverpool other than those specified in (iv) above, shall be 30 mph.

- (e) Within the Approaches to the Queensway Tunnel the maximum speed for all Motor Vehicles shall be 30 mph and, unless prevented by traffic conditions, the minimum speed shall be 10 mph.
- (f) Exceeding any temporary advisory speed limit may lead to prosecution for negligence in the event of an accident occurring through it.
- (g) Minimum speed limits shall not apply to Cycles.

5. **VEHICLES UNABLE TO PROCEED**

Within the Tunnels, the Approaches and Marshalling Areas no person shall refuel, change any wheel of or carry out any repairs to, or arrange or attempt to recover, any Motor Vehicle or cycle unless so authorised by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer but shall, if such authority is not given, permit a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer to arrange for refuelling, wheel changes and repairs and/or for the removal of any Motor Vehicle or cycle to a more convenient place as the said officer shall think fit.

6. **MOTOR VEHICLE RECOVERY**

- (a) Any person whose Motor Vehicle is at rest by reason of breakdown within the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas shall remain in their Motor Vehicle and await recovery in accordance with Byelaw 5 and the remainder of this Byelaw 6.
- (b) Any person whose Motor Vehicle is at rest due to a road traffic collision within the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas shall not move or attempt to move such a Motor Vehicle from the position in which it is at rest

and shall await recovery in accordance with Byelaw 5 and the remainder of this Byelaw 6.

- (c) Any Motor Vehicle that is considered by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer to have been illegally, obstructively or dangerously parked or abandoned within the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas will be removed to an area designated by the Authority.
- (d) Motor Vehicles will be considered by the Authority as abandoned for the purposes of this Byelaw if one of the following applies:
 - (i) it has no keeper on DVLA's database and is untaxed;
 - (ii) does not display any registration mark;
 - (iii) it is significantly damaged, burnt out, run down or unroadworthy;
 - (iv) has remained in position for a significant amount of time;
 - (v) causes an immediate risk to the safety of the users of the Tunnels;
 - (vi) the continued presence of the Motor Vehicle may impact upon the safety, integrity and security of the Tunnels.
- (e) In the case of a Motor Vehicle that is removed in accordance with this Byelaw 6, the Authority will require the registered owner, keeper or driver (if different to the registered owner of the Motor Vehicles) of the Motor Vehicles to pay any prescribed sums and charges associated with recovery and storage of the Motor Vehicles.
- (f) All Motor Vehicles recovered under this Byelaw 6 are to be stored in the Authority's designated area for a period of 24 hours to await collection by

the registered owner of the Motor Vehicle or their insurer or agent. If the registered owner of the Motor Vehicle or their insurer or agent fails to collect the Motor Vehicle from the designated area within this time, the Motor Vehicle will be passed to a contractor appointed by the Authority for continued storage. Storage charges will be incurred at the prescribed statutory rate.

- (g) The period of 24 hours set out in Byelaw 6(f) shall be reckoned from noon on the first day after removal.
- (h) If the registered owner of a Motor Vehicle stored with a contractor under Byelaw 6(f) fails to recover said Motor Vehicle within 30 days, this Motor Vehicle may be disposed of.
- (i) The registered owner of the Motor Vehicle will remain liable for the above storage charges incurred during this period and any disposal costs incurred.
- (j) The Authority shall take reasonable steps to locate the registered keeper the Motor Vehicle but if either:
 - (i) they are unable to find such a person; or
 - (ii) the registered keeper of the Motor Vehicle has failed to comply with a notice served on them in the prescribed manner by the Authority requiring them to remove the Motor Vehicle from their custody within the prescribed period the Authority may dispose of the Motor Vehicle.
- (k) A person shall not be liable for charges described in this Byelaw 6 if:
 - (i) they were not driving the Motor Vehicle at the time in question and did not know that the Motor Vehicle was being driven at that time, had not

consented to its being driven and could not, by the taking of reasonable steps, have prevented it from being driven; or

- (ii) they can provide documentation relating to the Motor Vehicles registration in respect of sale or disposal, to demonstrate that they were no longer the registered keeper of the Motor Vehicle at the time it was recovered by or at the direction of a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or Authorised Officer.

7. **USE OF FIRE EXTINGUISHERS**

The use of fire extinguishers in the Tunnels other than those provided by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or Authorised Officer or by emergency services is prohibited, provided that nothing in this Byelaw shall prevent the driver of a Motor Vehicle or any passenger therein using any fire extinguisher carried on that Motor Vehicle to extinguish a fire occurring on such Motor Vehicle.

8. **DANGEROUS GOODS, MOTOR VEHICLES OR CONTAINERS**

The Tunnels are assigned as Tunnel category D under the ADR Agreement on the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road, and the Carriage of Dangerous Goods and Use of Transportable Pressure Equipment Regulations 2009, any amendment or succeeding legislation thereof.

Traffic Signs intended to prohibit access of Motor Vehicles carrying dangerous goods to road tunnels will be affixed at a place where the choice of alternative routes is possible.

Legal responsibility for complying with the legislation detailed in this Byelaw 8 rests with the haulier.

- (a) Motor Vehicles requiring passage through the Tunnels, whilst transporting substances regulated by the above legislation, must travel in compliance with such legislation and any instructions prescribed by the Authority. Failure to do so is an offence under these Byelaws.
- (b) The Authority may from time to time prescribe the hours during which Motor Vehicles in any of the classes to which this Byelaw applies may enter the Tunnels, provided that such hours shall not in the aggregate be less than 8 hours in any period of 24 hours and provided further that at least 14 days before the date upon which the prescribed hours shall come into operation the Authority shall publish officially the restrictions and make these publicly available.
 - (i) Motor Vehicle conveying dangerous goods that require escort are excluded from the Mersey Tunnels during the advertised periods
 - (ii) Tank Wagons conveying flammable liquids having a flash point less than 21°C and empty tank wagons which have contained such flammable liquids are excluded from the Mersey Tunnels except during the advertised periods.
- (c) Motor Vehicles in any of the classes to which this Byelaw applies shall not enter the Tunnels except by permission a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, which permission, if granted, shall be subject to the following conditions, namely:

- (i) if hours have been prescribed as aforesaid in respect of the class of Motor Vehicle concerned, the permission shall relate only to those hours;
- (ii) a declaration in writing or on any system approved by the Authority shall be made to a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer by the person in charge of any empty petrol or other tank wagon and by the person responsible for the conveyance of any goods or Motor Vehicle referred to in paragraph (d) of this Byelaw as to the nature of such Motor Vehicle or goods respectively, and a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer shall be provided for the purpose of escorting through the Tunnels any such tank or other wagon or Motor Vehicle conveying any such goods and shall take any other precautionary measures which are deemed to be expedient; and
- (iii) every Motor Vehicle so escorted shall proceed as directed by the escorting officer.
- (d) This Byelaw applies to the following classes of Motor Vehicles carrying or conveying:
 - (i) flammable liquids (that is, those liquids giving off flammable vapours at temperatures of less than 66°C/150°F) or flammable solids;
 - (ii) corrosive acids or chemicals;
 - (iii) gas under pressure and/or liquefied or refrigerated gas;
 - (iv) oxidising or corrosive substances;
 - (v) toxic substances;
 - (vi) radioactive substances;

- (vii) explosive substances or loaded firearms;
- (viii) loose hay, straw or other material in like condition which is combustible;
- (ix) any other substance named in Mersey Tunnels Dangerous Goods Listing; and
- (x) any other substance named in the notice specified in 8(b) above which is in the opinion of a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer of a dangerous nature.
- (xi) empty petrol or other tank wagons which on their previous loaded journey contained substances as defined in (8) (d)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi) above and which have not been cleaned since that loaded journey.

9. **TRAFFIC EXCLUDED FROM USE OF THE TUNNELS AND THE APPROACHES**

The following are prohibited from using the Tunnels or the Approaches, namely:

- (a) Public Service Motor Vehicles within meaning of Public Passenger Vehicles 1981 carrying passengers in excess of the authorised number prescribed by the Public Service Vehicles (Carrying Capacity) Regulations 1984 or any amendment thereof;
- (b) Motor Vehicles which emit smoke, visible vapour, grit, sparks, ashes, cinders or oily substance;

- (c) Motor Vehicles which contravene any regulations for the time being in force under the Road Traffic Act 1988, or any amendment or succeeding legislation thereof, relating to the construction and use of Motor Vehicles;
- (d) Metal-tyred Motor Vehicles;
- (e) Vehicles drawn by animals;
- (f) Animals, unless said animal is conveyed within a Motor Vehicle;
- (g) Cycles, including electrically powered pedal cycles (EAPCs), unless the following conditions apply;
 - (i) the individual in command of the pedal-cycle is over the age of 14; and
 - (ii) the pedal-cycle is being used in the Queensway Tunnel; and
 - (iii) where the pedal-cycle is being used between Monday and Friday inclusive, it must not be used between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 pm;
 - (iv) where the pedal-cycle is being used on a Saturday, it must not be used between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm.
 - (v) where the pedal-cycle is being used on a Sunday, during the period from 1 April to 30 September inclusive, it must not be used between the hours of 8:00 am and 9:00 pm. If used during the period of 1 October to 31 March inclusive, these time restrictions shall not apply
- (h) Without prejudice to any subsequent authorisation by the Chief Police Officer or the Authority, any vehicle not classified within the Schedule of Tolls and including, but not limited to, personal light electric vehicles (PLEVs) and powered personal transporters such as electric scooters, self-balancing

scooters, go-peds, Segways and mobility scooters whether adapted for use on roads or otherwise.

10. **SPECIAL PERMITS**

Without the express permission of a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, the following Motor Vehicles shall not be used in the Tunnels, namely:

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- (a) Motor Vehicles the height of which (including any load) exceeds 5.00 metres;
- (b) Motor Vehicles the length of which (including any load) exceeds 12.20 metres, and Motor Vehicles and trailers the combined length of which (including any load or loads and drawbar) exceeds 18.30 metres;
- (c) Motor Vehicles the gross weight of which (including any load) exceeds 44 tonnes;
- (d) Motor Vehicles the width of which (including any load) exceeds 2.90 metres;

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- (e) Motor Vehicles the height of which (including any load) exceeds 3.90 metres;
- (f) Motor Vehicles without trailers the length of which (including any load or loads and drawbar), or Motor Vehicles and trailers the combined length of which (including any load or loads), exceeds 12.00 metres;
- (g) Motor Vehicles the gross permitted weight of which (including any load) exceeds 3.5 tonnes; and
- (h) Motor Vehicles the width of which (including any load) exceeds 2.70 metres.

Express permission to use the Queensway Tunnel may be granted at the discretion of the Chief Police Officer for passenger carrying Motor Vehicles with a seating capacity exceeding nine and operating local bus services, as well as blue light agencies, provided that they shall not exceed the height of 4.75 metres and that any such Motor Vehicles between 3.90 and 4.75 metres in height shall use the offside lane only.

11. **INSPECTION OF VEHICLES AND PACKAGES**

A Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer, upon producing their authority if required, may stop and inspect:

- (a) any Motor Vehicle or package brought into the Tunnels or onto the Approaches or Marshalling Areas and open such package if they have reason to suspect that such Motor Vehicle or package contains any matter or substance prohibited from the Tunnels or the Approaches by Byelaw 3(P) or any goods referred to in Byelaw 8 the necessary permission for the entry of which has not been duly granted; or
- (b) any Motor Vehicle brought into the Tunnels or onto the Approaches or Marshalling Areas and search Motor Vehicle if they have reason to suspect that such Motor Vehicle has claimed a concession or exemption from payment of the appropriate toll to which it is not entitled, or
- (c) any Motor Vehicle brought into the Tunnels or onto the Approaches or Marshalling Areas if in the opinion of that officer it is so loaded, built or equipped as to be likely to inhibit traffic, injure persons or to damage property.

12. **REGULATION OF ENTRY AND CONDUCT OF PERSONS**

- (a) No person (other than a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer in the course of their duties) shall without permission of a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer:
- (i) enter or remain in the Tunnels or the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas on foot; or
 - (ii) alight from any Motor Vehicle within the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas, otherwise than in an emergency.
- (b) No person shall in the Tunnels or in or upon the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas:
- (i) intentionally obstruct or impede any Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer in the execution of their duty;
 - (ii) without reasonable excuse, climb or attempt to climb any railing, fence or wall;
 - (iii) loiter or remain in or upon the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas or in any Motor Vehicle therein or thereon, having been requested by a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer to desist therefrom;
 - (iv) without reasonable excuse, tamper, interfere, remove, displace or deface any property of the Authority;
 - (v) post any bill, record, placard or notice, without the permission of an Authorised Officer;

- (vi) sell or distribute or prepare to sell or distribute any article or thing whatsoever without the permission of an Authorised Officer;
- (vii) take part in any commercial filming or photography, without the permission of an Authorised Officer;
- (viii) commit any nuisance or indulge in any offensive or disorderly behaviour;
- (ix) throw, drop or deposit any article or thing whatsoever capable of injuring, damaging or endangering any person or property;
- (x) indulge in any behaviour likely to cause threat, harm or risk to themselves or any user of the Tunnels; or
- (xi) indulge in any behaviour that by its nature poses a direct risk to the safety, integrity and security of the Tunnels.

PART II: LOST PROPERTY

13. (a) Any person (other than a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer) who finds property in or on any premises used for the purpose of or in connection with the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas or in any Motor Vehicle (other than a Public Service Vehicle as defined by the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981, or any amendment or succeeding legislation thereof) shall hand it in immediately in the state in which it is found to a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer.
- (b) Any Mersey Tunnels Police Officer who finds, or is given, any property in or on any premises used for the purpose of or in connection with the Tunnels, the Approaches or the Marshalling Areas or in any Motor Vehicle (other than a Public Service Vehicle as defined by the Public Passenger Vehicles

Act 1981, or any amendment or succeeding legislation thereof) shall, before or immediately at the end of the said officer's tour of duty, ensure safe storage of the property, supply particulars of the property, the circumstances in which it was found, and the name and address of the person who first found it for recording on behalf of the Chief Police Officer.

- (c) The Chief Police Officer shall keep a record of all such property delivered into their custody and of the ultimate disposal of such property, and such record shall be retained for a period of not less than twelve months and shall at all reasonable times be available for inspection by a police officer.
- (d) The Chief Police Officer having the custody of any property pursuant to these Byelaws shall retain that property in safe keeping until claimed by the owner or disposed of in accordance with these Byelaws, provided that official documents including licences, passports and other form of official identification document shall whenever practicable be returned forthwith to the appropriate government department, local authority or other body or person by whom they were issued.
- (e) If any property so retained by the Chief Police Officer is not claimed within six months and proved to their satisfaction to belong to the claimant, it shall thereupon vest in the Authority and the Authority may if it thinks fit dispose of the property either by handing it to the finder or by selling it for the best price that can be reasonably obtained.
- (f) If any property delivered to the Chief Police Officer appears to be of a perishable nature and is not claimed within 24 hours of the time when it was found and proved to their satisfaction to belong to the claimant, the Chief Police

Officer may thereupon destroy such property or otherwise dispose of it as may seem appropriate provided that any such property which is or becomes objectionable may be destroyed or disposed of at any time at the discretion of the Chief Police Officer.

- (g) Subject to the foregoing provisions of this Byelaw, if any property delivered to the Chief Police Officer pursuant to the provisions of these Byelaws is claimed before the expiration of six months and the claimant proves to the satisfaction of the Chief Police Officer that it belongs to the claimant, it shall thereupon be delivered to the claimant upon payment by them of such charge as the Authority may from time to time fix for the return of any lost property.
- (h) Where any such property is delivered to a claimant, all costs of packaging and carriage reasonably incurred by the Authority shall be paid to the Authority by the claimant.
- (i) Where any property delivered to the Chief Police Officer is contained in a package, bag or other receptacle, the Chief Police Officer may cause the same to be opened and the contents examined if deemed necessary to do so for the purpose of:
 - (i) identifying and tracing the owner of the property; and/or
 - (ii) ascertaining the nature of the said contents.
- (j) Where any property delivered to the Chief Police Officer is claimed by any person, the Chief Police Officer may require the claimant to open any receptacle in which it may be contained and to submit the contents to examination for the purpose of establishing their claim to ownership.

- (k) Any money received by the Chief Police Officer as a result of the delivery to the owner, the sale or other disposal of lost property, shall be paid to the Authority.
- (l) For the purpose of this Byelaw 13, all or any of the powers and duties of the Chief Police Officer hereunder may be delegated by the Chief Police Officer to any other officer as deemed appropriate

PART III: POWER TO EXCLUDE

14. It shall be lawful for a Mersey Tunnels Police Officer or other Authorised Officer to prevent from entering in or upon the Tunnels, the Approaches or Marshalling Areas (and to use reasonable force for the purpose of so doing) the following persons, namely:
- (a) the driver of any Motor Vehicle who that or any other such officer has reasonable cause to believe is contravening, or will if they so proceed contravene, any of these Byelaws: and
 - (b) the driver or person in charge or any Motor Vehicle or animal referred to in Byelaws 9 and 10 above.

PART IV: EXEMPTION

15. These Byelaws (with the exception of Byelaw 3(c)) shall not apply:

- (a) In respect of any Motor Vehicle or any occupant thereof whilst the Motor Vehicle is being used by or for the purposes of any Police Force, Fire and Rescue Authority or Ambulance Service in response to an emergency; and
- (b) in respect of any person or persons by or on behalf of the Authority for the inspection or maintenance of the Tunnels, the Approaches or Marshalling Areas.

PART V: PENALTY

- 16. Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding £1,000 being level 3 on the Standard Scale of Magistrates Court fines (pursuant to section 37 of The Criminal Justice Act 1982, or any amendment or succeeding legislation thereof, or such sum as may be permitted by any increase in that level and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine not exceeding £50 for each day during which the offence continues after conviction therefor.
- 17. The Authority wherever applicable in monitoring infringements of these bylaws and in the prosecution of offenders, or in assisting with the prosecution of offenders by any relevant enforcement agency, shall be entitled to rely where appropriate:
 - (a) on the evidence of a device adapted for measuring by radar, laser or automatic number plate recognition or any other means, the speed of Motor Vehicles as shall be approved by the Secretary of State; and
 - (b) recorded video and images from within the Tunnels, Approaches and Marshalling Areas.

GIVEN under the Common Seal of The Liverpool City Region Combined Authority on
this day of 2026 in the presence of:

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Authorised Officer

Name:
(block capitals)

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

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Signed by authority of
Divisional Manager in
The Secretary of State
the Department for Transport

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