

FUNDING PROPOSAL

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006

RULE 10(3) (a)

THE RIVER TYNE (TUNNELS) ORDER 2005

DRAFT RIVER TYNE (TUNNELS) (MODIFICATION) ORDER 2022

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. The Durham, Gateshead, South Tyneside and Sunderland Combined Authority (NECA) c/o Civic Centre, Regent Street, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 1HH is to apply to the Secretary of State for Transport under section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for an Order under section 3 and 5 of that Act.

This document sets out NECA's proposals for funding the cost of implementing the proposed Order as required by rule 10 (3) (a) of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.

2. Funding

- 2.1. The proposed Order makes provision for consequential amendments to The River Tyne (Tunnels) Order 2005 reflecting a change in the handling of toll payments. Payments are no longer accepted at toll barriers (which have been removed) but collected either by way of electronic payment or by cash at a PayPoint retailer. This change in toll collection was introduced by TT2 Ltd, who are responsible for the day to day management and operation of the Tyne Tunnels, to allow a free-flow traffic system through the Tyne Tunnels to facilitate reduced journey times through the tunnels, known as the Tyne Pass Scheme. The proposed Order also restructures the scheme for exemption from tolls for disabled persons so as to determine exempt status by reference to a system of registration of vehicles by disabled persons; it also introduces a toll exemption for coastguard vehicles.
- 2.2. The change in toll collection is being effected through changes to the byelaws made under the 2005 Order. There are a number of references in the 2005 Order that reflect the original expectation that tolls would be collected at booths, and the aim of the proposed Order is to harmonise the language of the 2005 Order with the byelaw changes, and to make some minor amendments to the 2005 Order.

2.3. As the changes to the toll barriers and the way toll payments are received have already been changed, there are, accordingly, no costs associated with the implementation of the proposed Order.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Barker', with a stylized, cursive script.

On behalf of NECA (on behalf of the North East Joint Transport Committee)

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