

Humber Bridge Board

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13th April 2021

Dear Mr Dollimore,

Re: Humber Bridge - restrictions on the footways

Thank you for your letter concerning the above matter dated 8th April 2021.

As stated in our press release, the decision to close the bridge footways was difficult, and we recognise the disruption and inconvenience this has caused. However, we had to decide because of the tragic events in the preceding six weeks up to Saturday 3 April 2021.

The decision and authority to close the bridge footways was made under the emergency powers the Humber Bridge Board has under the Humber Bridge Act 1959 and therefore, does not involve any form of Traffic Regulation Order.

We are currently working on plans to reopen the footways so the general public can enjoy the bridge again. However, as you can imagine, we have to be satisfied that if we do reopen, we do not see more tragic incidents, which affect all users of the bridge. This plan will be in conjunction with our multi-agency partners and local authorities with responsibility for mental health.

We have now allowed commuters to cross the bridge in a safe and controlled manner and we are monitoring the situation. We see this as the first step back to enable everyone to use the bridge again.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Chaytor'.

Cllr Sean Chaytor
Chair, Humber Bridge Board