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Dear Sirs,

Important Changes to Tyne Tunnel Traffic Controls

I am delighted to inform you that both Tyne vehicle tunnels will be operational this month, dualling the A19 river crossing between Jarrow in South Tyneside and East Howdon in North Tyneside. This will more than double capacity at the crossing, transforming traffic movements on the A19.

I would like to make you aware of significant changes to the original road tunnel, introduced as part of the refurbishment works that have been undertaken to improve safety at the tunnel. These changes affect the way that larger vehicles access the tunnel.

When both tunnels are in use, the new road tunnel (currently operating bi-directionally) will become one way, offering two lanes for southbound traffic. The original, refurbished road tunnel will offer two lanes for northbound traffic.

In order to accommodate a separate emergency escape passage in the northbound tunnel it has been necessary to realign the traffic lanes within the tunnel. Due to the curvature of the tunnel this therefore means that lane two (the right hand lane) will have height restrictions introduced. **Lane two is a CAR ONLY LANE and will not be suitable for use by vehicles above 4.0 metres high.** Vehicles other than cars will be required to use lane one, which has a maximum height of 5.1 metres.

Along with the introduction of a Fixed Fire Suppression System, the new escape passage helps to make the Tyne Tunnel one of the safest road tunnels in the UK. I am sorry for any inconvenience caused by the introduction of this height restriction, but hope that the overall benefits brought by the New Tyne Crossing project will greatly improve your motoring experience.

Further information is available at www.tt2.co.uk

Yours sincerely,

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