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From: Trisha Hewitt <trisha.hewitt@tamarcrossings.org.uk>
Sent: 26 March 2025 00:40
To: Trisha Hewitt
Subject: The Government has approved the application to increase tolls on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry.
Attachments: decision on formal application to revise tolls on the Tamar Bridge and the Torpoint Ferry .docx

The Government has approved the application to increase tolls on the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry. Below is a statement from Tamar Crossings for information.

The Government has to lay a Statutory Instrument in Parliament before the tolls can be formally increased - this usually takes a few weeks .

Government approves formal application to revise tolls on the Tamar Bridge and the Torpoint Ferry
25 March 2025

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A Public Local Inquiry into the application, led by an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport, was held in October 2024.

Having considered the evidence from the application and the Public Local Inquiry, together with the feedback from the public consultation, the Secretary of State for Transport has approved the application.

In the letter advising the decision, the Department for Transport said that the Secretary of State accepted that the proposed increases are necessary and proportionate. A copy of the Inspector's report will be available to view on our website.

The decision will mean a cash toll of £3.00 for cars. The discounts for pre-paid crossings using the TamarTag scheme will continue to be 50% of the full toll, resulting in a tag toll for cars and vans of £1.50. Tolls for other vehicles will broadly increase pro rata.

The Department of Transport will now complete the legal process necessary for a formal Toll Order. This process can take a little time. When completed, we will seek to increase rates as soon as practical after we have full authority to do so.

Work is also taking place to develop a strategy and policy to deliver improved benefits for local people and make the necessary changes to legislation that will allow this to happen. This will include continuing to pursue the ability to apply RPI to tolls and smooth out the spikes and unpredictability of Toll Revisions, as well as seeking cheaper tolls for local people.

Kind regards
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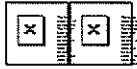
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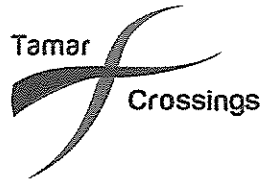
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Update on LYNHER ferry refit

26 March 2025

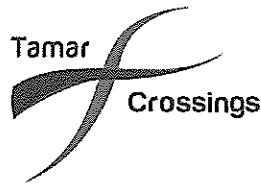
Work to prepare LYNHER for her journey to Falmouth for her five yearly refit at the A&P dry dock facilities is going extremely well. However, the latest forecast of poor weather and sea conditions for Friday, 28 March means that the tow has been cancelled and rescheduled for Monday, 31 March.

Provided the forecast of improved weather conditions for Monday remains in place, the ferry is expected to leave Torpoint around lunchtime, with the journey taking around six hours.

The ferry is currently due to return to service at the end of May. During the refit period the service is being provided by the two remaining ferries, one leaving each side of the river every 15 minutes (on the hour and 15, 30 and 45 minutes past the hour), between 06:30 and 22:00 and a single half hourly, night service ferry from 2200 to 06:30.

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From: Trisha Hewitt <trisha.hewitt@tamarcrossings.org.uk>
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To: Trisha Hewitt
Subject: Update on Torpoint ferry LYNHER refit
Attachments: lynher journey 2.jpg; lynher journey 10.jpg

Please see below an update on the LYNHER refit which we will be adding to the website and sending to the media. We will provide further updates as required.

Kind regards
Trisha

Update on LYNHER refit

1 April 2025

Torpoint ferry LYNHER completed her journey to Falmouth safely yesterday evening (31 March) . The ferry is currently moored alongside a jetty as wind speeds reported at around 20 knots, mean it has not been possible to manoeuvre the ferry immediately into the drydock as was originally planned.

The winds are expected to reduce over the weekend, which will enable the ferry to be moved into the dry dock on Sunday. A & P Falmouth are continuously monitoring the forecasts and will bring the docking forward if conditions allow.

The ferry had been due to return to service at the end of May, but this may change as a result of the delay in docking caused by the poor weather. Once LYNHER is in the dry dock and the refit programme of works has been reviewed, we will provide further updates.

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From: Trisha Hewitt <trisha.hewitt@tamarcrossings.org.uk>
Sent: 09 April 2025 17:32
To: Trisha Hewitt
Subject: Update on Lynher refit

Good afternoon

Please see below an update re the LYNHER refit which we will be adding to the website and sharing with the media .

Update on LYNHER refit
9 April 2025

Torpoint ferry LYNHER has been successfully moved into drydock in Falmouth, enabling work to begin on the refit.

The refit process is expected to take up to eight weeks to complete. With strong winds preventing the ferry from being moved into drydock last week as expected, this may result in a change to the planned refit schedule and the vessel's return to service.

We will be working closely with A&P Falmouth to manage the refit programme and ensure that the ferry returns to service as quickly as possible.

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