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Dear Sirs

**RE: Infrastructure Commission Submission by Knowsley Chamber of Commerce**

I write on behalf of Knowsley Chamber of Commerce in further support of the combined submission of the leadership organisations from across the Liverpool City Region.

Knowsley Chamber has come together with other business associations, individual businesses and public sector organisations through the *Linking-Liverpool – Connectivity for Growth* campaign to collectively articulate our aspirations to boost the local economy and ensure that improved transport infrastructure for the movement of people and freight to and from our locality can have a catalysing effect and firmly position Liverpool as a fundamental part of the Northern Powerhouse. We are unified in our ambitions to deliver for Liverpool City Region and for the whole of the North of England.

Our City Region has three key objectives to achieve:

1. Connectivity to other key city economies in the North and elsewhere
2. Additional capacity to support commuting into the Liverpool City Region
3. Improved infrastructure and adequate capacity to support freight movements to and from the Port of Liverpool.

The Liverpool City Region is the second largest economy in the North West of England, with a GVA of £28.3bn in 2015, and which together with its hinterland economic area forms an economy of £51.0bn per annum, yet has the worst connectivity of the eight English core cities.

Capitalising on our growing economy and maximizing the opportunities afforded by developments in Liverpool will only be realized if the road and rail infrastructure is improved. Along with our partners, Knowsley Chamber shares an aspiration to make Liverpool City Region the best place to start and locate a business in the United Kingdom and recognise the potential that the infrastructure improvements proposed in this submission could unlock. We look forward to continuing work with our local transport authority through the *Linking Liverpool* campaign to collectively engage and support these proposals.

Yours faithfully



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