

Expedite completion of the already 80% complete 1970's, strategic, £100million Liverpool Crossrail project, which re-uses part of the still intact Liverpool Outer Loop Line, as shown in the attached file, in the first diagram, by the orange line. Completion of this project was postponed in the 1970s due to funding cuts at that time.

Completion of the 7 mile long Liverpool Crossrail line from Hunts Cross station on the Merseyrail Northern Line to Rice Lane station on the Merseyrail Kirkby Line:

1. is of strategic importance
2. would complete an unbroken circle line around the whole of the City of Liverpool, as originally planned
3. would be a major step towards comprehensive Merseyrail coverage of the City of Liverpool
4. would provide many tens of thousands of additional people with the enormous benefits of easy and convenient access to the existing extensive Merseyrail network and beyond
5. passes close to Broadgreen Hospital, Alder Hey Childrens Hospital, Liverpool Football Club and Everton Football Club
6. passes through some of the most deprived areas in the city and, indeed, the country and would be a major catalyst for regeneration of these areas. For example, a station on the Liverpool Crossrail line at Broadway in Norris Green would be expected to give a local, young, non-car owner vastly enhanced job opportunities all across the Merseyrail network, similar to what a worker in the more affluent suburbs of Formby or West Kirby currently enjoys

The attached file also includes photographs of key parts of the proposed route and shows that there are no significant obstructions on it, which I can confirm as true for the whole route.

It is worth noting that London Crossrail is estimated to cost £16billion, which shows what exceptional value for money the strategically important 7 mile long Liverpool Crossrail project represents at just £100million.

This project would also dovetail perfectly with the ongoing £40million worth of improvements to the Liverpool Underground stations, which are also part of the extensive Merseyrail network, which would create an outstanding world class development for the city which would attract international recognition and investment.

For your information, here is the current Merseyrail (Liverpool Underground) network map:

<http://www.projectmapping.co.uk/Reviews/Resources/Merseyrail%201108.jpg>

Regards

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West Lancashire borough is only **2.5 miles** from Liverpool; Cheshire West and Chester borough is only **2 miles** from Liverpool; Warrington borough is only **5 miles** from Liverpool; North Wales is only **8 miles** from Liverpool.