

## EIR 100690 - Appendix 1 – documents requested

### Item 1.

Liverpool City Region Combined Authority  
(by email)

Carl Stockton  
A5036 Port of Liverpool  
Regional Investment Programme  
Highways England  
Barnett House  
Fountain Street  
Manchester  
M2 2AN

21 December 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

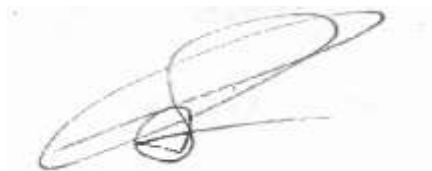
### **A5036 Port of Liverpool access scheme**

I have written to you previously regarding our proposals to improve access to the Port of Liverpool.

In November Sefton Council submitted a claim to the High Court to review Highways England decision not to consult on a tunnelled solution as part of our recent preferred route consultation. We are disappointed that Sefton Council have decided to take his approach. We intend to robustly defend our position through the Court process; we believe the bypass option is not only the best solution to meet the scheme's objectives but that it is also the best option for the local communities, particularly those along the current A5036.

Whilst the legal process takes its course we intend to continue with our programme of activities and would like to work collaboratively with all concerned in order to achieve the best outcome for the local community.

Yours sincerely,



Carl Stockton  
**A5036 Port of Liverpool,**  
**Project Manager, RIP NW**

**Item 2.****From:** Stockton, Carl**Sent:** 05 April 2018 10:46**To:** [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk>; Gamon, Tim  
<Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk>**Cc:** [name redacted]@highwaysengland.co.uk>**Subject:** Re: A5036

[name redacted] Tim is on leave so i would like to respond on his behalf. I'm glad you have raised this because we have only just this week been in touch with [name redacted] from Liverpool to arrange a meeting to discuss the work, but as I pointed out to [name redacted] we will only be able to share the work we carried out in the options phase and that was available at the preferred route options consultation. Since the Preferred route announcement a new consultant has been appointed and the model needs refinement to take into account any design changes and future plans of the local authorities. We have had issues obtaining information from both Sefton and Liverpool on their future development plans to build into the model. I say we have had issues because a number of emails have been sent to contacts at Liverpool and Sefton and Peel ports as it happens for data to help us with the uncertainty log, a key component of the work and we still have not had the full range of Information needed. What I am saying is we are willing to share what we have but I believe they will want the updated model which we need their help to complete. Maybe you could chase this and help us out. In the meantime we will meet with Liverpool and Sefton and the other authorities as planned on 18th April and share information we had available at the preferred route consultation stage. It is also worth pointing out that we did write to a number of councillors and contacts albeit it through [name redacted] at the start of the PR consultation asking for comments and surprising nothing was provided by Liverpool. In addition it is only at the meeting in October at the PASG that [name redacted] raised the modelling issue. We have no issues sharing what we have but to give them the latest information we need them to respond and provide information requested that we have been asking for for a while. Regards Carl

----- Original message -----

**From:** [name redacted] [Merseytravel]**Date:** 05/04/2018 11:22 (GMT+01:00)**To:** "Gamon, Tim"**Cc:** [name redacted] , "Stockton, Carl"**Subject:** A5036

Tim

I attended a meeting with certain district colleagues last week to discuss their concerns about the level of engagement with HE re: A5036. I think that their

concerns are justified to some extent in that they feel that the lack of modelling information being provided by HE is preventing them from forming a view one way or the other on the A5036 proposal. I think if this modelling information could be provided ASAP then we might have a much better chance of moving forward. This would particularly help Liverpool City Council. I have informed District colleagues that I am more than happy to now act as the 'intermediary' in all discussions between themselves and HE, so I would really appreciate it if you could give me some firm timescales when this modelling information could be made available. I would be prepared to set up whatever meetings, workshops etc that may be required.

Could you let me have your views as soon as can please?

Thanks

[name redacted]



[name redacted] | Merseytravel | Mann Island, PO Box 1976, Liverpool, L69 3HN

### Item 3.

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**From:** [name redacted]

**Sent:** 17 April 2018 13:10

**To:** [name redacted]@sefton.gov.uk [name redacted]@lancashire.gov.uk>; [name redacted]@westlancs.gov.uk>; [name redacted]@liverpool.gov.uk>; [name redacted]@liverpool.gov.uk [name redacted]@knowsley.gov.uk' [name redacted]@sefton.gov.uk>; White, Emma <Emma.White@highwaysengland.co.uk>; Stockton, Carl <Carl.Stockton@highwaysengland.co.uk>; Healey, Daniel <Daniel.Healey@highwaysengland.co.uk>; [name redacted]@westlancs.gov.uk>; [name redacted]@arcadis.com' [name redacted]@arcadis.com' [name redacted]@highwaysengland.co.uk>; [name redacted]@arcadis.com' [name redacted]@wirral.gov.uk' [name redacted] @highwaysengland.co.uk>; [name redacted]@arcadis.com>; [name redacted]@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk' [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk>

**Subject:** RE: A5036 Port of Liverpool - Local Planning Authority Focus Group

All

Please find attached an agenda for tomorrow's meeting.

I look forward to meeting you all again at the Cunard Building.

Regards

[name redacted]

<< File: A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme LA Steering Group - Agenda 18th April.docx >>

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** [name redacted]

**Sent:** 03 April 2018 11:41

**To:** [names redacted – list as above]

**Subject:** A5036 Port of Liverpool - Local Planning Authority Focus Group

**When:** 18 April 2018 10:00-12:30 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London.

**Where:** Huskisson Room - Liverpool City Council, Cunard Building, Water Street, Liverpool, L3 1DS

Good Morning,

Please find attached a placeholder for the next Local Planning Authority focus group, to discuss the A5036 Port of Liverpool scheme.

This has been organised following the DCO process discussion, on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

The agenda will be issued to all attendees once finalised, however it was agreed at the previous meeting that the next meeting should be to discuss any traffic related concerns.

Liverpool City Council have kindly offered to hold this meeting at the Cunard Building, on the 18<sup>th</sup> April. However, please let me know if this date is inconvenient.  
- Please report to the 4th floor reception and ask for [name redacted]

Kind Regards,

[name redacted]

**Regional Investment Programme (RIP) North,**  
Highways England | Piccadilly Gate | Store Street | Manchester | M1 2WD  
Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

## **A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme**

Local Authority Steering Group

Huskisson Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Cunard Building, Water Street, Liverpool, L3 1DS

18<sup>th</sup> April, 10.00am

### **Agenda**

- 10.00am Arrival and coffee
- 10.05am Welcome and Introductions (Carl Stockton, Highways England)
- 10.15am A5036 Port of Liverpool Access scheme – current design and alignment [name redacted] (Arcadis)
- 10.45am Current programme and key milestones (Carl Stockton, Highways England)
- 11.00am Statutory consultation proposals (Sara Moreton, Highways England)
- 11.30am Traffic impacts [name redacted] (Arcadis)
- 12.00pm Proposals for existing A5036 [name redacted] (Arcadis)
- 12.30pm Any Other Business
- 1.00pm Date for next meeting and close

[No minutes for this meeting found in Highways England's records]

#### Item 4.

**From:** White, Emma [<mailto:Emma.White@highwaysengland.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 25 July 2018 19:50

**To:** [name redacted - Merseytravel]

**Cc:** Gamon, Tim

**Subject:** RE: A5036 Presentation

Hi [name redacted],

Hope you're okay? Good to see you on Friday. [20 July 2018]

Sorry about the delay in getting this to you. The original presentation was 50MB in size so we've struggled to copy it over to our system and as such I can't just forward the whole thing on. I've attached a pdf of the slides [pdf document redacted] that apparently generated the most discussion and also removed anything you would want to avoid getting into a debate about, e.g. the CPO houses on the junction layouts. Let me know if anything is missing.

Just a couple of updates from us too:

- [name redacted] is on the case for us briefing [name redacted] to see if we can do a joint slot at the LEP.
- We've managed to track down facts and figures for Tim around the economic and social benefits the A556 delivered (apprenticeships, qualifications, local spend etc) for the meeting with [name redacted].
- Carl seems to think Sefton did some work previously about lorry parks in the area so is going to see what he can find. We've also put out some feelers in HE so we can start looking at requirements.
- The team have been asked to set up a meeting with [name redacted] at MEAS.

Please would you be able to send over any of the contact details you have for walking/cycling and also the local bus operators? It would be great to get those discussions going too.

I'm out of the office from next Tuesday until August 30 and will only be picking up emails sporadically, a mixture of leave, training and meetings. I'll drop [name redacted] a line at the Chamber of Commerce to let her know we're confirmed for 15 September, and once she has the details of the day to let Tim/Carl know so we can start preparing the presentation. Anything else that I've missed give me a call in the meantime.

Thank you, kind regards

Emma

**Emma White**

**Regional Investment Programme NW, Programme Leader**

Highways England | Barnett House | 53 Fountain Street | Manchester | M2 2AN

Telephone [number redacted]  
Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

**From:** [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 25 July 2018 18:08  
**To:** White, Emma  
**Subject:** A5036 Presentation

Hi Emma

I was wondering whether you are yet able to provide the A5036 presentation we discussed last week?

Thanks

[name redacted]



[title redacted] | Merseytravel | Mann Island, PO Box 1976, Liverpool, L69 3HN  
Office: [contact details redacted]

#### Item 5.

A meeting took place between Highways England Chief Executive Officer Jim O'Sullivan and Steve Rotheram, Metro Mayor of Liverpool, on 31 July 2018. This was an informal engagement meeting, without a formal agenda, and no note of the meeting was taken; but a range of topics is understood to have been discussed including the A5036 Port of Liverpool access scheme.

#### Item 6.

**From:** \_\_\_\_\_@merseytravel.gov.uk  
**Sent:** 03 August 2018 15:12  
**To:** White, Emma  
**Cc:** Gamon, Tim  
**Subject:** RE: A5036 Presentation

Emma

Please see below for contact details for walking and cycling:-

[name & contact details redacted]  
Email : [name redacted]@liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk

[name & contact details redacted]  
Email: [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk

[name & contact details redacted]  
Email: [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk

Please see below for contact details for local bus operators:-

[name redacted]

Arriva

Email: [name redacted]@arrivanw.co.uk

[name redacted]

Stagecoach

Email: [name redacted]@stagecoachbus.com

Attached is a list contact list containing the contact details for all the local bus operators

Kind regards

[name redacted]



[name redacted] | Merseytravel | Mann  
Island, PO Box 1976, Liverpool, L69 3HN  
Office: [number redacted] | Email: [name  
redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk

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**Item 7.**

From: White, Emma  
Sent: 24 October 2018 13:43  
To: [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk>; Gamon, Tim  
<[Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)>  
Cc: [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk>  
Subject: RE: Voicemail

Good spot - Monday yes! Wishful thinking...

Emma White  
Regional Investment Programme NW, Programme Leader Highways England |  
Barnett House | 53 Fountain Street | Manchester | M2 2AN Telephone [number redacted]  
Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

-----Original Message-----

From: [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk  
Sent: 24 October 2018 13:18  
To: White, Emma; Gamon, Tim  
Cc: : [name redacted]  
Subject: RE: Voicemail

Thanks Emma, I presume you mean Monday not Friday.

[name redacted]

[contact details redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk

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From: White, Emma [<mailto:Emma.White@highwaysengland.co.uk>]  
Sent: 24 October 2018 13:10  
To: : [name redacted]; Gamon, Tim  
Cc: : [name redacted]  
Subject: RE: Voicemail

Thanks : [name redacted]. That will work for us.

See you on Friday.

Emma

Emma White

Regional Investment Programme NW, Programme Leader Highways England |  
Barnett House | 53 Fountain Street | Manchester | M2 2AN Telephone [number  
redacted] Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

-----Original Message-----

From: : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk  
Sent: 24 October 2018 10:31  
To: Gamon, Tim  
Cc: White, Emma; : [name redacted]  
Subject: RE: Voicemail

Tim

I'm supposed to be in a meeting between 1.30 to 4.00pm but I will try to get out of that at 3.00pm in order to meet you. Would that be ok?

: [name redacted]

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From: Gamon, Tim  
<[Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)<mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk>>  
>>  
Date: Wednesday, 24 Oct 2018, 10:02 am  
To: : [name redacted]@merseytravel.gov.uk  
Cc: White, Emma  
<[Emma.White@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Emma.White@highwaysengland.co.uk)<mailto:Emma.White@highwaysengland.co.uk>>  
Subject: RE: Voicemail

Hi : [name redacted]

Emma and I are in Liverpool on Monday to present at the Built Environment Networking Event. Are you available some time between say 2pm and 4pm? It would be good to catch up.

Regards

Tim

Tim Gamon  
Regional Delivery Director - North West  
Regional Investment Programme  
Barnett House | 53 Fountain Street | Manchester | M2 2AN  
Mobile: [number redacted]

-----Original Message-----

From: : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk  
Sent: 24 October 2018 08:35  
To: Gamon, Tim <[Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)>

Subject: Voicemail

Tim

I'm not sure how I missed the voicemail that you left on the 18th but I have only just picked it up. I'd be more than happy to have a catch-up but I'm on leave this week. Could we set something up for early next week? If that's too late, I'm more than happy to do it this week, I'll probably be working for a lot of it anyway!

Regards

[name redacted]

**Item 8.**

From: White, Emma  
Sent: 25 October 2018 17:51  
To: : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk>; Gamon, Tim  
<[Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)>  
Subject: RE: A5036

Hi : [name redacted],

The JR was heard on Tuesday in the High Court in Manchester. As a JR it was a statement of case by each Barrister with some debate on particular legal points/context with the Judge, who has now gone away to read all the evidence bundles before reaching a decision. We've allowed for four weeks, but it could be anything either side of that.

It was hard to say how it went and of everyone that was there we all came away with a slightly different opinion. I think we quashed some of the main points of argument from Sefton around the supposed 'promise' to consult on a tunnel, but there were lots of nuance around minor points concerning HE operating licence and option selection which might have an impact. I felt some of these lesser points were given more air time than perhaps warranted which now means the judge will have to look at them but hopefully when he reads the papers he'll realise there is not much substance to them. We'll keep you posted.

Looking forwards to catching up on Monday,

Kind regards,

Emma White  
Regional Investment Programme NW, Programme Leader Highways England |  
Barnett House | 53 Fountain Street | Manchester | M2 2AN Telephone [number  
redacted]  
Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

-----Original Message-----

From: : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk]  
Sent: 25 October 2018 17:29  
To: Gamon, Tim; White, Emma  
Subject: A5036

Tim/Emma

Are you able to give me an update on how the Hearing went?

Thanks

: [name redacted]

**Item 9.**

**From:** : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 16 November 2018 15:27

**To:** A5036 Port of Liverpool <A5036PortofLiverpool@highwaysengland.co.uk>

**Subject:** RE: A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme

Thank you for letting me know Dan.

Regards

: [name redacted]



[name redacted]] | Merseytravel | Mann Island, PO Box 1976, Liverpool, L69 3HN  
Office: : [contact details redacted]



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**From:** A5036 Port of Liverpool [<mailto:A5036PortofLiverpool@highwaysengland.co.uk>]

**Sent:** 16 November 2018 15:00

**Cc:** A5036 Port of Liverpool

**Subject:** A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme

Dear Sir/Madam

As you are aware, we have been awaiting a decision by Mr Justice Kerr following the Judicial Review (JR) hearing on 23 October 2018. We have now received confirmation that Mr Justice Kerr has ruled Highways England did not act unlawfully or unfairly when carrying out its consultation and making its preferred route announcement. Sefton Borough Council's claim has therefore been dismissed. This decision means we will be able to proceed with our statutory public consultation in the near future.

We fully appreciate the concerns that led to the JR being instigated, but I hope that through the court process, we have shown clearly that in our careful initial design process, we considered the tunnel option that campaigners are pressing for. We have always sought to act with integrity and to explain why the options that were presented to the public were on the table. We are bound by strict guidelines from government on what constitutes value for money for the taxpayer and the cost of including a tunnel far exceeds this ratio. Added to this, constructing a tunnel would take around six years, meaning the valley was essentially out of bounds for that period due to the extensive works, and furthermore would entail the purchase of an estimated 200 homes. We believe that this level of disruption would be extremely unpalatable to the people of Sefton.

We are committed to working alongside you and the community to ensure we have a solution which benefits everyone. As you are aware, traffic will only increase on the existing road and wider network beyond the Port of Liverpool. The bypass proposal we are looking to take forward will not only address congestion in these areas but improve the quality of life for those living along the existing road. It will also provide

more reliable journeys and improved links to the region whilst future proofing the network.

The bypass will also enable the regions aspirations for economic growth. The improved road network will benefit proposals for new housing and commercial developments as well as servicing Liverpool2.

I hope I have provided a comprehensive update but if you have any questions or would like a face to face meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Dan Healey

A5036 Port of Liverpool Project Manager

Tel: 0300 123 5000

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Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

**Item 10.**

**From:** White, Emma

**Sent:** 16 November 2018 08:26

**To:** : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk>; Gamon, Tim  
<[Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)>

**Subject:** RE: A5036

: [name redacted],

Already on my list to call you this morning. We're with our Solicitor this morning so will find out straight away.

Speak to you later.

Emma

**Emma White**

***Regional Investment Programme NW, Programme Leader***

Highways England | Barnett House | 53 Fountain Street | Manchester | M2 2AN

Telephone [number redacted]

Web: <http://www.highways.gov.uk>

**From:** : [name redacted] @merseytravel.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 16 November 2018 08:18

**To:** Gamon, Tim; White, Emma

**Subject:** A5036

**Importance:** High

Morning Tim/Emma

I was talking to Jim O'Sullivan yesterday at the Northern Transport Summit and he told me that you are expecting the Inspector's decision today on the A5036. It would really be appreciated if you could let me know what the outcome is ASAP. It would be ideal if you could let me know before 1.00pm as there is a meeting of the Combined Authority then and it would be handy for the Metro Mayor to know in case the matter is raised.

Thanks

: [name redacted]



: [name redacted] | Merseytravel | Mann Island, PO Box 1976, Liverpool, L69 3HN  
Office: : [contact details redacted]

**Item 11.**

Mayor Steve Rotheram  
No 1 Mann Island  
Liverpool  
L3 1BP

22.11.2018

Timothy Gamon  
Regional Delivery Director – North West  
Regional Investment Programme  
Highways England  
Barnett House  
53 Fountain Street  
Manchester M2 2AN

Dear Mr Rotheram,

**A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme**

As you may be aware, on following a High Court hearing on Tuesday 23 October, Mr Justice Kerr ruled that Highways England did not act unlawfully or unfairly when carrying out its consultation and making its preferred route announcement. Sefton Borough Council's claim has therefore been dismissed. I wanted to take this opportunity to get back in touch, to re-open dialogue in a constructive way that can bring benefits to the people of Liverpool as we proceed with our consultation in the near future. Highways England exists for the public good, to provide value for money to the taxpayer as we operate, maintain and modernise the strategic road network to enable economic growth.

We fully appreciate the concerns that led to the JR being instigated, but I hope that through the court process, and now in this letter, we are able to show clearly that in our careful initial design process we considered the tunnel option that campaigners are pressing for. We have always sought to act with integrity and to explain why the options that were presented to the public were on the table. We are bound by strict guidelines from government on what constitutes value for money for the taxpayer and the cost of including a tunnel far exceeds this ratio. Added to this, constructing a tunnel would take around six years, mean that the valley was essentially out of bounds for that period due to the extensive works, and furthermore would entail the compulsory purchase of an estimated 200 homes. We believe that this level of disruption would be extremely unpalatable to the people of Sefton and nearby communities.

Similarly, choosing not to construct a bypass that helps to mitigate the challenges caused by the expansion of the Port of Liverpool's activities will exacerbate existing traffic problems along Church Road in neighbouring Bootle, bringing about an additional impact on air quality and overall quality of life for residents along that key route. Spreading the highways impact of the expanding port will help to reduce congestion and rat-running through the local area.

Around the Port of Liverpool are hundreds of small and medium-sized businesses who are set to benefit from the investment happening there and across Merseyside. We have spoken to many of them. They welcome a bypass as the current situation is holding back their growth. However, the challenge is wider than just the Port of Liverpool. Traffic is expected to increase in the broader surrounding area, placing heavy demand on roads in your city region. The intervention we are looking to take forward will not only address congestion in these areas but provide for more reliable journeys and improved links to the region whilst future proofing the network.

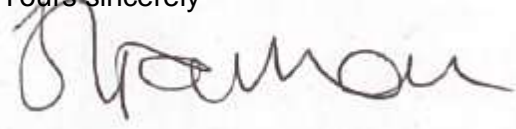


We understand why the JR was brought and the concerns underpinning that call. We are determined to work hard to ensure the final scheme takes into account environmental concerns and goes far above and beyond what might be expected of simply building a new road. We have heard, loud and clear, the views of those who want to protect their valley and we will never dismiss them. We welcome their feedback on how we can improve our approach and will extend an open invitation to the Friends of Rimrose Valley to engage with us on the future of the road and what it means for the valley.

Finally, I understand that criticism has been levied at the decision not to build a tunnel in the context of other Highways England projects in the South. I seek to reassure you that we do not discriminate on a regional basis whatsoever. Every scheme has to satisfy the same criteria set out for us by government and they are all judged accordingly. We will support economic growth at the best value to the taxpayer irrespective of location.

I hope that I have been able to set out clearly that we understand the reservations put forward by Sefton MBC and campaigners and why we believe that our proposals will bring real long-term benefits to people in the Liverpool city region. I would welcome the chance to meet you to hear your views and to discuss how our proposals can support your residents and businesses as well as being sympathetic to their apprehensions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tim Gamon', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Tim Gamon  
Regional Delivery Director – North West Regional Investment Programme  
Email: [tim.gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:tim.gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)

Item 12.

## A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme Project Team Stakeholder Meeting Agenda

<b>Location</b>	Mann Island, Liverpool City Centre.	<b>Date/Time</b>	06 December 2018; 11.30 -13.00
<b>Invitees</b>	: [name redacted], Merseytravel; : [name redacted], Merseytravel; Dan Healey, Highways England; : [names redacted], Arcadis.		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Who</b>	
1.	Introductions	All	
2.	Expectations	All	
3.	Health & Safety Moment	All	
4.	A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme Summary Presentation	Arcadis	
5.	Issues of Importance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Merseytravel Strategy for Sefton MBC to 2024;</li> <li>• Priorities for Investment;</li> <li>• Relationship with Bus Operators;</li> <li>• Statistics on usage of services utilising Dunnings Bridge Road;</li> <li>• Addressing the needs of disabled passengers;</li> <li>• Engagement with Partners;</li> <li>• Advocacy – Learnings.</li> </ul>	Arcadis	
6.	Open Discussion	All	
7.	Next Steps	All	

**Item 13.**

**A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme Project Team Stakeholder Meeting:**

**Merseytravel**

Thursday 6 December 2018

Mann Island, Liverpool

**Attendees:**

: [names redacted] Merseytravel;

Daniel Healey, Highways England (DH);

: [names redacted] Arcadis.

Item no.	Notes/actions	Action owner
1	<p>Merseytravel is the Executive body that provides professional, strategic and operational transport advice to the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) to enable it to make informed decisions. Through the Local Transport Act (2008) Merseytravel has assumed responsibility for implementing the third Local Transport Plan (LTP) for Merseyside. This means it is the body accountable to the people of Merseyside and Central Government for achieving the LTP's goals and objectives up until 2024; and includes delivering outcomes through the creation of effective partnerships and sub-regional governance structures that reflect the characteristics of Merseyside. The LTP has set the following vision: <i>"A city region committed to a low carbon future, which has a transport network and mobility culture that positively contributes to a thriving economy and the health and wellbeing of its citizens and where sustainable travel is the option of choice"</i>.</p>	<p>: [name redacted] / <b>All to note.</b></p>
2	<p>Merseytravel was aware of the A5036 proposal, its strategic nature and mixed local reaction, especially within Sefton MBC. At present a formal planning application (Development Consent Order) had not been lodged. The purpose of the engagement was to facilitate comments which would inform the design proposition, especially potential implications for bus and rail operations in the locality. Primary interest was in the proposed detrunking plans for Dunning's Bridge Road and Church Road, which was likely to involve transfer of responsibility to Sefton MBC, who were known to have a positive attitude to investment in bus services. Although at present there were no bus routes utilising the entirety of this corridor, a number of existing services were likely to be affected by the proposal. These were No.52, 52A, 58, 63, 135,136, 159 and 235. The final form of detrunking would be of interest to Merseytravel as they were keen to see better utilisation to provide improved options for cyclists – not just potential commuters, but local residents who could be incentivised to use cycles for local shopping trips. With this in mind, it would be desirable to have an understanding of how the detrunking proposals may facilitate better use of adjoining residential service roads, especially those running parallel to Church Road, as well as the design of crossing points for cyclists at Princess Way, Park Lane and Switch Island. Without careful planning, a problem with "rat running" was likely to occur. Merseytravel highlighted the best practice example of Waltham Forest where a similar situation had been managed successfully; but it was conceded enforcement activity had been part of the solution.</p> <p>: [name redacted] to keep : [name redacted] advised as detrunking proposals were developed.</p>	<p>: [name redacted]</p>

3	<p>The detrunking proposals would be influenced by a number of other strategic factors. These included the retention of Bootle Town Centre as a district centre for public transport services, possible new industrial development on Dunnings Bridge Road and Atlantic Park and the likely development of residential proposals on Bootle Golf Course as well as linkages to neighbouring local estates including Orrell Road. It was emphasised that Merseytravel operated in the context of a deregulated bus market with operators able to change or withdraw routes at 56 days' notice. It was advisable therefore to engage with the two principal operators – Arriva and Stagecoach NW who together constitute the local “Bus Alliance” voluntary partnership, (an alternative approach to franchising), especially in relation to disabled access.</p>	: [name redacted]
4	<p>Princess Way had significant implications for road and rail users. For road users, concern was expressed the present design had the potential to create a new bottleneck, not only for port traffic at peak times but local users of the network moving to/from Church Road, despite a signalled junction. Further, the plan to introduce three road lanes under existing rail bridges was regarded as challenging. Arcadis traffic modelling would be of particular interest. Access to local rail stations and platforms was being improved in anticipation of new four carriage rolling stock on services between Liverpool and Maghull and Liverpool and Southport from July 2019, leading to year on year increased capacity of 25% by mid 2020. Arcadis were preparing a Structure Options Report to be discussed with Network Rail regarding the Princess Way bridges. In order to ensure 8mm track tolerance was maintained, it was possible that some temporary line closures may be required. Merseytravel advised the earliest warning of such a scenario be given to their train operating company, MEL.</p>	<b>All to note.</b>
5	<p>Merseytravel was aware of the plans for growth at the Port of Liverpool and had an expectation that future volumes of traffic be split on a 70:30 basis in favour of road. This could have implications for future investment in the Bootle freight line. Further investment in transport infrastructure would be made by Liverpool City Region CA and would be challenge funded. Therefore, long term strategy was not likely to be finalised until after the next Mayoral election in 2020.</p>	<b>All to note.</b>
6	<p>Air Quality would emerge as a key issue during the preparation of the Development Consent Order and it was possible all or part of the planned A5036 project would be included in a zone with specific emissions limitations during the lifetime of the project. The project team should be mindful of likely initiatives being taken by the LCRCA and consider appropriate responses including management, information, enforcement and CCTV monitoring.</p>	<b>All to note.</b>
7	<p>Based on present known information, the A5036 plan would go to public consultation in Spring next year. It was likely a Development Consent Order would be submitted in Autumn 2019, with anticipated commencement of works in 2021. Detrunking was unlikely to be instigated until such time as the new bypass was operational which was likely to be in 2023, assuming the present delivery timetable was maintained.</p>	<b>DH</b>
8	<p>Merseytravel was pleased to be kept informed as all aspects of the evidence base for the project developed and would be happy to consider identifying other organisations from its social framework who should be contacted as part of future engagement activity.</p>	: [name redacted]

**Item 14.**

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15.04.2019

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Dear Mr Rotheram,

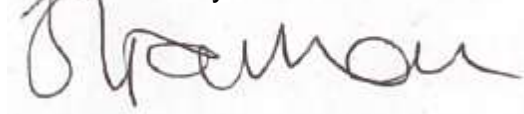
**A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme**

I welcome your recent comments about getting all parties around the table to discuss our proposals for the A5036 on Merseyside. I wanted to write to confirm that we would be very happy to reopen discussions with Sefton Council, yourself, MPs and others on how our proposals can move forward in a positive and constructive way for the regional economy, the people of Sefton and wider Merseyside.

We have been asking Sefton Council since the Preferred Route Announcement was made in August 2017 to enter into a dialogue with us. We actually wrote to Sefton shortly after the outcome of the Judicial Challenge was provided by Mr Justice Kerr in November 2018 but the reply received to our request indicated that Sefton were not willing to open talks on a way forward. They indicated that they would comply with their statutory responsibilities but they would not otherwise co-operate with Highways England. We believe that by working together, no matter our differences, a better outcome will be delivered for residents, businesses and visitors.

We are ready to sit down and talk through our plans now that the judicial review period is behind us. Please let me know if you have any views on how we can take this forward together and we will be keen to take part. A further letter has also been sent to Sefton following your comments. We will keep you informed of the response that is provided.

Yours sincerely



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## Item 15.

Tim Gamon, Emma White, Carl Stockton and Dan Healey met with a representative of Merseytravel on 10 May 2019 at Highways England's office in Manchester. It was an informal stakeholder engagement meeting with no formal agenda or minute taken.

## Item 16.

Hi Tim

Emma mentioned that you were meeting : [name redacted – Merseytravel] next weeks [3/10/19] and asked me to pull together a brief update which is attached. I hope this covers what you might need but happy to add more detail if you think it will be helpful.

Regards

Dan

**Dan Healey**

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## **A5036 scheme update – Sept 2019**

- HE wrote to Dwayne Johnson on 5 Sept 2019 to ask if licence for access to Rimrose Valley to carry out surveys will be granted
- No response to letter received to date
- Follow up correspondence sent to Sefton on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept to inform that non-intrusive environmental surveys are due to commence
- Kier commence non-intrusive environmental walkover surveys w/c 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019
- Scheme newsletter to be issued w/c 30<sup>th</sup> September to inform community and stakeholders of:
  - High level information on forthcoming intrusive surveys (Gis / air and noise monitors)
  - Public engagement events on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October
  - Launch of 'Commonplace' community insight mapping online tool
- Section 172 notices will be used for land access to carry out installation of noise and air monitoring equipment and Gis
- Noise and air monitoring due to commence mid-October 2019
- Ground investigations due to commence in November 2019

**Item 17.**

**From:** : [name redacted] @liverpoolcityregion-ca.gov.uk] **On Behalf Of** : [name redacted]

**Sent:** 04 October 2019 14:52

**To:** Gamon, Tim <[Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:Tim.Gamon@highwaysengland.co.uk)>

**Subject:** Yesterday's Meeting

Good Afternoon Tim

Thanks for last night's meeting, really helpful and informative. Please find below/attached the information promised.

1. Attachment from : [name redacted] reference today's press release
2. Email address for : [name redacted] is : [name redacted] @merseymaritime.co.uk
3. Email address for : [name redacted] is : [contact details redacted]
4. Email address for : [name redacted] is : [name redacted] @liverpoollep.org
5. Email address for : [name redacted] is : [name redacted] @liverpool.gov.uk
6. Paper from today's Combined Authority on LCR Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan

[name redacted] will arrange for regular update meetings at whatever frequency you feel is appropriate; please just let her know.

Can you share an electronic copy of the presentation and the newsletter we discussed please?

Regards

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[Newsletter #6 was sent out in October 2019 and, as with previous newsletters, is available to view on the scheme's web page:

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/a5036-port-of-liverpool-access/>]