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Dear Tom

### **A5036 PORT OF LIVERPOOL ACCESS SCHEME**

Further to recent discussions, I write to you to provide clarity on the following matters:

- Approval was given by the Government for the A5036 Scheme under the Roads Investment strategy announced on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014; The 'Road investment strategy' (RIS) set out a long-term programme for motorways and major roads for the first roads period 2015 to 2020;
- When Sefton Council published its assessment of potential development sites in December 2014 I can confirm that the two published options were not in the public domain. All that would have been in the public domain at the time was the Government's commitment to improve access to the Port of Liverpool;
- The two sites identified as MN 2.25 and MN 2.26 allocated within the Local Plan would NOT interfere with the possible road alignment that is currently being developed;
- Nothing has emerged from our recent work that would change Highway's England's previously stated position with regards to site AS10, even with the revised boundary shown on the plan that has been provided. The inclusion of this plot would interfere with the option of providing a new road through the Rimrose Valley;
- We are still finalising what will be presented to the public at the public awareness event in February/March. It is highly likely we will present the alignment of the proposed new road through Rimrose Valley but not much more. We will definitely be presenting the alignment at the public consultation event planned for November 2016 when we need views to assist with the preferred route selection.

Hope this helps but if you need any further clarification please let me know.

Yours sincerely



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