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Dear Mr Flood,

Warrington Western Link

The increasing issue of congestion in Warrington, particularly the town centre is a concern which needs addressing and the construction of the Western Link would certainly improve traffic flows and substantially alleviate this problem.

Having considered all the presented options Cheshire Police do favour the Red Route over the other five proposals and I can confirm that Cheshire Police will support this project in full.

Yours sincerely

W. I. Stewardson
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2nd October 2017

Dear Richard,

Warrington Western Link – Recommended Route Announcement

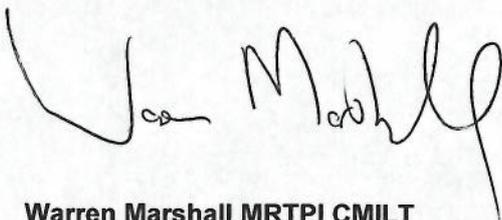
I am writing in respect of the above consultation on behalf of the Peel Group companies (Peel Investments North, Peel Environmental and The Manchester Ship Canal Company) whom have been working collaboratively with Warrington Borough Council in developing the Warrington Waterfront Masterplan.

By way of background I would refer you to the comments previously submitted on 27th July 2017 by my colleague Louise Morrissey (copy letter attached). Within that letter Peel Group were of the view that *“The red, purple and orange route options would be best placed to help unlock key development land in support of the Warrington Local Plan proposals at Warrington Waterfront”*.

We are therefore pleased to **Support** the recommended route announcement for the revised red route for the Warrington Western Link and look forward to continuing to work with Warrington Borough Council to assist in their deliver of this much needed piece of road infrastructure. The scheme will not only provide enhanced connectivity and resilience to Warrington’s highway network it will open up strategic landholdings to support continued economic growth.

Should you require any further information or assistance please make contact.

Yours sincerely



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27th July 2017

Dear Richard,

Warrington Western Link – Consultation

I am writing in response to the current consultation on the proposals for a new link road to provide a new road connection to the south west of Warrington. Peel Holdings (Management) Limited (Peel) has a number of major interests within Warrington and the surrounding area, including the Manchester Ship Canal, Port Warrington, land at Arpley and Higher Walton.

Peel is supportive of the principle of a new western link road. The road network around Warrington town centre requires investment in order for Warrington to continue to be an attractive place to do business and to live. The new road infrastructure will support the delivery of the transition of Warrington from a New Town into a New City and the growth objectives and aspirations of Warrington Means Business and the Warrington Local Plan.

The road proposals will assist in unlocking and delivering key development land to support these growth aspirations of Warrington and will maximise opportunities for new housing and employment investment close.

Route Options

As part of the consultation the Council have asked for the views on the six proposed routes. Peel has considered the six route options proposed against the Council's aims for the road:

- Relieve congestion in Warrington Town Centre
- Improve connection between north and south Warrington
- Unlock key development land to support the growth aspirations of Warrington Means Business and the Warrington Local Plan
- Support the continued growth of Warrington's economy within the Northern Powerhouse
- Make Warrington a more attractive place to live

The road is aiming to relieve congestion and help support the future growth of the area. The pink and green options are the weakest options for delivering these aims. The pink and green routes proposed are to link from the A57 to the A5060. These options are reliant on using existing bridges crossing the Manchester Ship Canal. These routes would deliver less network resilience, are less likely to relieve town centre congestion and achieve other stated aims. The other four route options would provide greater resilience to support growth and reduce congestion by providing a new crossing of the Manchester Ship Canal to the A56 and are more compatible with the stated aims.

As an investor in Warrington, Peel encourages the routes which would deliver new road infrastructure which has more resilience for future growth and therefore considers that the Council should select an

option which would include a new crossing for the Manchester Ship Canal. On this basis the orange, yellow, red and purple routes are more effective at meeting these aims.

The road also aims to unlock key development land. The red, purple and orange route options would be best placed to help unlock key development land in support of the Warrington Local Plan proposals at Warrington Waterfront. These routes would have the greatest potential to effectively serve and unlock these growth aspirations routing through the centre of this proposed key development area.

Future Preferred Options Consultation

It is recognised that each route has its own set of constraints which will need addressing to enable the infrastructure to be delivered. The route designs provided as part of this consultation are at the initial concept stage, we understand that more detail of the route will be provided as part of the future preferred options consultation in autumn 2017.

As part of the next round of consultation we would request that more detail is provided on the connectivity of the road, to understand how land along the route will be able to connect into the link road. Connectivity of the road will be important to determine how and where future development and growth in the area will be delivered.

We would also welcome further discussions with the Council on the technical design of the preferred route to ensure the design is compatible with Peel assets, particularly in relation to the Manchester Ship Canal and land at Arpley Meadows.

In summary, Peel supports the Warrington Western link road proposal; it will enhance the local infrastructure network and assist in the delivery of growth aspirations. The red, purple and orange routes would best deliver the roads aims of improving connectivity, unlocking development land relieving congestion. Greater detail is required as part of future consultations to understand how the road will connect into existing and deliver future development opportunities.

Yours Sincerely



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2nd October 2017

Dear Terry,

Warrington Western Link

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Warrington Western Link. I am pleased to confirm that Cheshire West and Chester Council fully support Warrington Borough Council in your bid to secure funding for the Western Link through the Department for Transport's Large Local Majors Fund.

As a member of the Cheshire and Warrington sub-region, it is apparent that the scheme makes a significant contribution to delivering the economic growth and new housing development that we strive for in the region. It is also clear that securing scheme funding will help Warrington Borough Council tackle a highly congested part of the local highway network and ease movements in and around the town centre.

There is a lack of highway network resilience at key points across Cheshire and Warrington and we believe that investment is urgently needed to maintain the crucial link between transport and economic growth across our sub-region. The Western Link will help ensure that the transport network runs smoothly across Cheshire and Warrington - strengthening the local economy and benefitting the whole region.

Yours sincerely

*Kindest regards,
Sam*

Councillor Samantha Dixon
Leader of the Council
Cheshire West and Chester Council



Cheshire West
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9 October 2017



Richard Flood
Western Link
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Dear Mr Flood,

Re: Warrington Western Link

I am writing to confirm the support of Muse Developments for Warrington Borough Council's bid to secure funding for the Western Link scheme from the DfT's Large Local Majors Fund.

It is clear that the scheme will deliver benefits to enable economic growth and new housing development in line with local and regional growth aspirations. It is also clear that funding will help the Council address a highly congested part of the local highway network in and around the town centre.

There is a lack of highway network resilience at key points across Warrington and we believe that investment is urgently needed to maintain the crucial link between transport and economic growth across the region. The Western Link will help ensure that the transport network runs smoothly across Cheshire and Warrington - strengthening the local economy and benefitting the whole region.

Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this letter of support.

Yours sincerely

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Our ref: BW/GJ
11 October 2017

Mr R Flood
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Dear Mr Flood

WARRINGTON WESTERN LINK SCHEME

I am writing to confirm that Warrington Borough Council has the support of Network Warrington in your bid to secure funding for the Western Link scheme from the DfT's Large Local Majors Fund.

Network Warrington operates the majority of bus services in and around the Warrington area, carrying over 6 million passengers per year, using a fleet of 90 buses. It is apparent that the scheme will deliver benefits to enable economic growth and new housing development in line with our joint growth aspirations. We can also see that securing scheme funding will help Warrington Borough Council tackle a highly congested part of the local highway network in and around the town centre.

There is a lack of highway network resilience at key points across Warrington and we believe that investment is urgently needed to maintain the crucial link between transport and economic growth. We believe that public transport use is currently constrained by town centre congestion and the Western Link will help improve the public transport network through journey time improvements and predictability.

Please contact me if you have any queries relating to this letter of support.

Yours sincerely



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19th October 2017

Langtree letter of support: Warrington Western Link

Dear Richard

On behalf of Langtree Property Partners Limited, I write to offer our utmost support for the proposed Warrington Western Link.

We believe the chosen Red route for the Western Link will be a welcome solution to help relieve congestion in Warrington Town Centre.

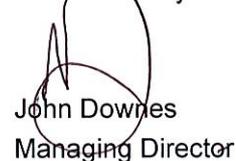
As a local stakeholder, in a number of projects across the Warrington Borough, the deficiency in infrastructure in Warrington is more apparent than ever, with the town centre road network we believe approaching capacity.

The Western Link would have a particular impact in relieving congestion at the Brian Bevan and Bridgefoot roundabouts where five arterial routes in and out of Warrington meet including, Chester, Road, Wilderspool Causeway, Mersey Street, Knutsford Road and Wilson Pattern Street.

In our capacity as partners in the Wire Regeneration joint venture with Warrington Borough Council, we would also welcome the Western Link. The relief in traffic to the south of the town centre would positively impact on the joint venture's proposed Southern Gateway development, which intends to regenerate the south of the town centre, opening the waterfront of the River Mersey and bringing forward circa 1 million sq ft of commercial development and around 1,300 new homes.

For the reasons stated, on behalf of Langtree, I would like to re-emphasise our support for the proposed Warrington Western Link and would be happy to provide further support if required.

Your Sincerely



John Downes
Managing Director

rec'd 30/10/17.



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Dear Terry and Steven

copy to AF, Richard

Re: Warrington Western Link

Flood

I am pleased to see your progress with the Warrington Western Link scheme, which will have a positive impact current congestion around Warrington town centre improving journeys for those across the area. This would in turn no doubt help support growth in the Warrington economy and for local businesses.

The scheme will help support the growth outlined in the Cheshire and Warrington LEP's Strategic Economic Plan, which aims to deliver a £35 billion economy as well as the Devolution Growth Bid which is has an increased ambition of growing the economy to £50 billion by 2040.

I wish you the best of luck with your Outline Business Case submission to the Department for Transport.

Yours sincerely

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Councillor Rachel Bailey
Leader of the Council



Richard Flood
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27th November 2017

Dear Richard,

The Western Link Road Scheme supports the wider regional priorities for the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership and is estimated to deliver benefits to the regional economy.

I confirm that Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership is supportive of the scheme, it fits well with our Strategic Economic Plan and complements the other transport schemes which the LEP is supporting through the Local Growth Fund. We understand the constraints of traffic flow through and around Warrington and issues with congestion and believe this scheme will help to unlock development and improve the economy of not just the town and surrounding areas but support economic growth across the LEP area by improving connectivity.

Yours sincerely,

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Philip Cox

Chief Executive

Cheshire and Warrington Local Economic Partnership

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28th November 2017

Dear. Richard

RE: Warrington Western Link

Thank you for sharing your plans for the Warrington Western Link Road Major Scheme.

Transport for the North's (TfN) vision is of a thriving North of England where modern transport connections drive economic growth and support an excellent quality of life. TfN has a clear remit to identify and plan the transport infrastructure required to support transformational economic growth in the North. It also has a role to play in supporting local and national government, as well as the private sector and transport operators, to align local investment in public transport and active modes of travel with strategic, pan-Northern investment.

TfN will publish the first Strategic Transport Plan (STP) for the North in 2018. The STP sets out how transport investment can act as a key enabler to support the growth of the economy of the North, with targeted improvements to the North's most economically important roads, including new strategic links being key to delivering the more efficient movement of people and goods.

TfN is supportive of your funding bid to support the development of the Warrington Western Link Road. We are aware of the necessity of delivering improvements to the road network in Warrington including this strategic link, which in addition to unlocking substantial commercial and housing development at Warrington Waterfront will deliver improved strategic connectivity and greater resilience for North – South traffic movements across the Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal.

TfN notes that the estimated outputs from the Warrington Western Link scheme align with those of the STP and TfN. The scheme is showing a high Value for Money rating and is



estimated to deliver over 1,000 new houses, 400 new jobs and £16m per annum in additional GVA to the Warrington economy. Supporting both the regional transport network, and the regional economy, are key aims of the STP.

TfN supports Warrington Borough Council's bid for Major Scheme funding and will continue to work closely with Warrington BC and Cheshire Local Enterprise Partnership to integrate Warrington and Cheshire's economic growth and development priorities within the wider plans for strategic road and rail investment that TFN is developing.

I wish you success with your bid.

Yours sincerely,

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Peter Molyneux
Major Roads Director

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27th November 2017

Dear Richard,

Re: Western Link Road Scheme

The Warrington Chamber of Commerce and Industry is the foremost organisation supporting and representing business in Warrington and Vale Royal. Established in 1876, the Chamber has been serving local businesses for 130 years. It is a local, independent, non-profit making and non-party political organisation, funded by membership subscriptions.

The Chamber of Commerce and Industry is here to represent the consortium of different businesses that make up its membership, providing a range of services and representation on a number of issues impacting business. The Chamber of Commerce and Industry very much welcome the Western Link proposal and believe it will play a vital role in supporting our existing business members and providing further support to build on Warrington's economic success. The Chamber is very supportive of the scheme's aim to 'support the continued growth of Warrington's economy within the Northern Powerhouse'.

Warrington has an endemic issue with traffic congestion across the Town Centre and beyond; and the issue continues to be a constant source of comment from our members. Any measures taken to reduce the impact of congestion on business, and support the continued growth of the Warrington economy, are viewed as positive measures by the Chamber and its membership.



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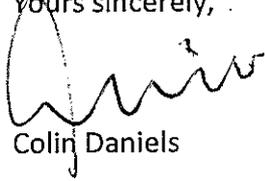
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We wish you every success in your bid for central government funds and please let us know if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely, .

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Colin Daniels

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Dear Richard

WESTERN LINK ROAD SCHEME

Highways England operates, maintains and improves England's motorways and major A-Roads. Our road network totals around 4,300 miles in length. Whilst this represents only 2% of all roads in England by length, these roads carry a third of all traffic by mileages and two-thirds of all heavy goods traffic. England's major road network:

- Forms the economic backbone of the country;
- Is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week; and
- Is relied on by commuters and businesses across the country.

Our ambition is to ensure our major roads are more dependable, durable and most importantly safe. We work hard to make sure our road network is:

- Free flowing – where routine delays are infrequent and journeys are reliable;
- Safe and serviceable – where no-one should be harmed when travelling or working; and
- Accessible and integrated – so people are free to choose their mode of transport and can move safely across and alongside our roads.

We further aim to:

- Support economic growth with a modern and reliable road network that reduces delays, creates jobs, helps business and opens up new areas for development; and
- Ensure our activities results in a long-term and sustainable benefit to the environment.

Highways England is supportive of any activity that seeks to improve travelling conditions on both the local and strategic networks; in particular those works that seek to reduce travel times and increase resilience against incidents. The Western Link

scheme will be providing a new high-level, fixed bridge crossing over the Manchester Ship Canal, providing the highway network with a further crossing opportunity. This means a more robust network, less vulnerable to the negative impacts of incidents on both the local and strategic highway network.

Highways England supports a bid for central government funds for a scheme that seeks to enhance the road network by reducing delays and to provide greater opportunity for economic development in the area. Furthermore, providing an additional crossing of the Manchester Ship Canal provides resilience to the wider road network.

Please let us know if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely



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6 December 2017

Dear Richard,

Warrington Western Link – Warrington Borough Council

Warrington is a thriving town. It is one of the fastest growing urban economies in the UK and one of the main engines of growth in the Northern Powerhouse. An increasing number of people want to live, work and run a business in the town. The economic outlook for the town is very positive. However, with this growth comes certain challenges.

The town's growth together with limited crossing points on the River Mersey and Manchester Ship Canal, the introduction of the Mersey Gateway toll and a boundary of frequently congested major motorway networks has resulted in chronic traffic congestion and poor air quality caused by standing and slow moving traffic.

Warrington has a pressing need for major infrastructure projects to reduce congestion and by doing so, improving air quality in the town. I believe the Warrington Western Link project will go some way to ameliorate the problems, playing an essential role in relieving congestion and reducing travel delays.

Furthermore, the new Link will provide much-needed improved connectivity between the north and south of the town and it will support the continued growth of Warrington's economy.

Warrington residents have been looking for a solution to the town's problems with traffic congestion for many years. The Western Link proposals were first suggested over 30 years ago and yet to date have never materialised. Warrington is long overdue infrastructure investment of this scale.

I am pleased that the Council responded positively to the points raised by myself on behalf of my constituents. I welcome the fact that the Council is committed to a continued dialogue with the residents of Warrington as this much-needed infrastructure development is rolled out.

For the reasons outlined above I endorse the Warrington Western Link scheme and I hope that Warrington Borough Council's request for funding can be given serious consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faisal Rashid".

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Dear *Dave,*

Thank you for inviting the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority (LCRCA) to comment on your Council's proposals for the Warrington Western Link Road (WWLR). I am afraid that in the limited time available to respond to your request, I am only currently able to offer comments in my capacity as Interim Head of the Paid Service for the LCRCA and Lead Officer for Transport. Any formal submission by the LCR CA itself would have to be provided at a later date.

As an Associate Member of the LCRCA, Warrington Borough Council will appreciate that we are all working together to improve our transport offer to our residents, businesses and visitors. This includes providing new or improved transport infrastructure, where possible and appropriate, with a view to achieving improved economic growth and the regeneration of various both sites and communities. At the same time, we are cognisant of the need to realise the environmental and social benefits that may result from projects of the scale and nature of the WWLR. With that in mind, I view the WWLR proposal as contributing to the potential achievement of these growth and regeneration objectives. As a consequence, I would be prepared to offer my support, in principle, to the scheme with one caveat.

Frank Rogers
Interim Head of Paid Service
Liverpool City Region Combined Authority
Mann Island, PO Box 1976, Liverpool, L69 3HN



I have been informed that the scheme could attract traffic from the Mersey Gateway Crossing and the Silver Jubilee Bridge (once it reopens) and that, as a consequence, there could be an adverse financial impact associated with a loss of potential revenue that would have been generated by the vehicles expected to cross these bridges.

This could have a direct and adverse financial impact for Halton Borough Council, a constituent member of the LCR CA. Halton BC would clearly expect there to be no detrimental impact on the Mersey Gateway Project, its residents or on the Council itself and hence it would be important for your Council to work with HBC, the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board and the Department for Transport in exploring and securing measures to address any potential impacts. Hopefully, such measures can be agreed and implemented prior to an opening of the WWLR.

Yours sincerely

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Frank Rogers
Interim Head of Paid Service

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FAO Mr D. Boyer
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6 December 2017

Dear David,

**Proposed Warrington Western Link(WWL) – Selection of Red Route
Comments – Mersey Gateway Crossing Board Ltd**

Thank you for providing the opportunity for the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Ltd (MGCB) to comment on behalf of the Mersey Gateway Project on the proposed Warrington Western Link

We note that the published WWL Outline Business Case (WWLOBC) indicates that the project exhibits a healthy benefit to cost ratio (BCR) which indicates that investment in this project represents value for money in overall terms.

However, the WWLOBC also indicates that there will be a direct and detrimental financial impact on the Mersey Gateway Bridge (MGB) project (which includes the tolling of the Silver Jubilee Bridge). This has been taken into account in the computation of the BCR but no consideration is given to funding the impact.

MGCB consider that this needs to be addressed if the WWL is to progress; and addressed in such a way that results in no direct and detrimental financial effect on the MGB Project, the residents of Halton nor on Halton Borough Council (HBC). This should be achieved without any requirement to increase to the level of the toll charges on the MGB or amendments to the MGB Project tolling regime.

MGCB would wish to work in partnership with WBC and DfT to secure mutually acceptable measures to address this detrimental impact on the MGB financial model.

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If this can be achieved the Mersey Gateway Crossings Board Ltd (MGCB) is, in principle, supportive of the proposed WWL being brought forward to bring improvement to the people, economy and environment of Warrington but it is clear this should not be achieved at the expense of or to the detriment of the MGB Project.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Fenwick', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Paul Fenwick

Director

cc David Parr – Halton Council
cc Charlie Sunderland - DfT

8th December 2017

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Dear Richard

Re: Western Link Road Scheme

Liverpool John Lennon Airport (LJLA) is one of the UK's longest established operational Airports and is expected to handle five million passengers this year with flights to over sixty destinations in the UK and across Europe. Over the past two years, 22 new services have been announced to 20 new destinations, bringing over 100 additional flights per week.

The Airport is one of the area's major employers, attracting inward investment and bringing significant tourism benefits, helping to boost the region's economy. LJLA is a significant driver of prosperity in the region and the North West and North Wales as a whole, bringing an estimated £440 million per annum in GVA and supporting 12,000 jobs across the Northern Powerhouse region.

The Airport is planning for further growth and is preparing an updated Master Plan through to 2050. The vision of the Master Plan is for LJLA to make its optimum contribution to the ongoing regeneration and development of the Liverpool City Region. As part of this planned growth, LJLA requires good and reliable transport networks to ensure passengers and employees can access the airport.

As such, LJLA is supportive of any measures that seek to enhance the regional highway network, in particular those whose objectives seek to reduce traffic delay and enhance the available connections across the regional highway network. The Warrington Western Link aims to support the regional highway network and will provide enhanced access to LJLA.

We wish you every success in your bid for central government funds and please let us know if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely



Mark Povall
Strategy Director



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Warrington Borough Council
New Town House
Buttermarket Street
Warrington
WA1 2NH

12th December 2017

Dear Richard,

Re: Western Link Road Scheme

On behalf of the Atlantic Gateway Board we are pleased to support Warrington's submission of the Outline Business Case to the DfT for funding to develop the Waterfront Western Link scheme. Warrington, containing Port Warrington, is a key node in the Atlantic Gateway strategy for connecting the Port of Liverpool, along the Manchester Ship Canal, into the recently redeveloped Port Salford. Port Warrington currently suffers from very poor road access which is wholly unsuitable for its planned expansion; the Warrington Waterfront Western Link scheme, if implemented, would allow Port Warrington to be developed in full.

Port Warrington is a key intervention as part of the Atlantic Gateway strategy and has cross-LEP and Combined Authority support from the three areas that are included within Atlantic Gateway (Cheshire and Warrington, Greater Manchester and the Liverpool City Region). It has the potential to provide both a key operational port facility and significant logistics based activity, with the ability to transport goods by water using the Manchester Ship Canal and for them to be transferred to the rail network via a direct connection to the West Coast Main Line.

We are confident that the delivery of the Waterfront Western Link scheme will significantly support the development of Port Warrington and the surrounding land for port activities, contributing to both the Atlantic Gateway strategy and the sub-regional economy.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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Kate Willard

Chair

Atlantic Gateway Board



Homes &
Communities
Agency

19 December 2017

Mr Richard Flood
Warrington Borough Council
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WA1 2NH

Dear Richard

Re: Western Link Road Scheme

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) helps create successful communities by making more homes and business premises available to the residents and businesses who need them. We also regulate social housing providers in England. We support the ministerial department, Communities and Local Government, along with eleven other agencies.

As part of our remit above, we are responsible for ensuring areas across the country experience growth in the availability of both housing and business premises, to support economic growth and the building of sustainable communities. Warrington represents a key area of housing and economic growth in the north-west region, and an area where the HCA owns significant land interests. The HCA supports any proposal to support the delivery of land for housing and business, in pursuit of the agency's key aims.

The HCA is aware of Warrington's ongoing issue with traffic congestion. The HCA has an office on Birchwood Park in Warrington and officers and visitors suffer from delays on a daily basis, which causes further business impact to the operation of the agency. Any measure taken to reduce the impact of traffic congestion on residents and businesses will be an improvement to Warrington.

The HCA supports Warrington's bid to government for funding for the Western Link. The aims of sustaining economic growth within the Northern Powerhouse, unlocking land for development and reduction congestion are all consistent with those of the HCA.

We wish you every success in your bid for central government funds and please let us know if you need anything further.

Yours sincerely

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