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Dear Sir/Madam,

M56 New Junction 11a - Public Consultation

Monday 16 January 2017 – Monday 27 February 2017

In autumn 2014, the government announced the first Road Investment Strategy which included a new junction between junctions 11 and 12 on the M56. The purpose of the additional junction is to create an improved link to the new Mersey Gateway bridge from the south. The new junction would provide both local and regional benefits.

The objectives of the project are to:

- Support economic growth by reducing journey times from the South East to locations north of the River Mersey;
- Improve local access to the M56; and
- Reduce delays by providing increased resilience should congestion build up at junctions 11 or 12.

We are carrying out an early consultation on options for the scheme and are seeking your views on the proposals to help determine the best performing option to take to the next stage of design. It would be much appreciated if you could indicate to us your preferred method of communication (email or letter) using the contact details below.

We have attached a copy of the consultation brochure which provides further information. You can provide your comments by emailing or writing to us using the contact details at the end of this letter, or by filling in the questionnaire enclosed within the brochure.

As part of the consultation we have arranged a series of consultation events where you can discuss the proposals with the project team:

- **Monday 23 January, 3pm to 8pm,**
Murdishaw Community Centre, Barnfield Ave, Runcorn, WA7 6EP.

- Saturday 28 January, 10am to 4pm,
Preston Brook Village Hall, Sandy Lane, Preston Brook, Runcorn, WA7 3AW.
- Tuesday 31 January, 10.30am to 1.30pm,
Halton General Hospital, Hospital Way, Runcorn, WA7 2DA.
- Wednesday 1 February, 4pm to 8pm,
Holiday Inn Runcorn, Wood Lane, Beechwood, WA7 3HA.

All of our consultation information will be available to view on our webpage at <http://roads.highways.gov.uk/projects/m56-new-junction-11a>

This includes an online version of the consultation brochure and questionnaire. A fly-through video will also be available shortly on our website and at the events. All responses to the consultation will be considered and will inform, where appropriate, how the proposals are refined. We will consult again once the proposals are more developed.

Our contact details for sending comments are:

- **Email:** M56NewJunction11A@highwaysengland.co.uk
- **Post:** M56 New Junction 11a, Highways England, Piccadilly Gate, Store Street, Manchester, M1 2WD

If you have any questions about the consultation the project team can be contacted on 0300 470 2733.

Please ensure your comments are returned by **Monday 27 February 2017** at the latest to enable them to be considered.

Yours faithfully,



Tristram Bardrick

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