

# A5036

## Port of Liverpool access

Newsletter 2 – January 2016

### Improving access to the Port of Liverpool

As you may know, Highways England is investigating ways to improve access to the Port of Liverpool and to reduce congestion on the A5036 and in the surrounding area. This is our second newsletter designed to keep you informed as the scheme progresses.

#### What are we doing and why?

No specific scheme has been identified or proposed yet but we are currently looking at two options that would reduce congestion on the A5036, improve journey time reliability for drivers and meet the needs of

the future traffic growth from the expansion of the Port of Liverpool and from other developments in the area.

- Upgrade the existing road - we are describing this as the Online Option. This option focuses on four key junctions: Hawthorne Road **1**, Netherton Way **2**, Park Lane **3** and Copy Lane **4**.
- Build a new road through the Rimrose Valley linking to the Broom's Cross Road (Thornton to Switch Island Link) - we are describing this as the Offline option.

#### Progress so far

Newsletter 1 told you about the surveys we were conducting to enable us to better understand existing traffic, environmental and ground conditions. We want to let you know how this information is being used.

The traffic surveys, which started in September, have been completed. This data is now being analysed so that it can be incorporated into our traffic model to help us assess future traffic flows.

We've carried out an initial survey of pedestrian and cycle usage in the Rimrose Valley – this gave us a snap shot view of the various paths used within the park.

We also completed an initial ground survey within the Rimrose Valley focussing specifically on the former Whabbs tip site. We wanted a better understanding of the depth and extent of the tip and also the type of materials present. Our survey



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sampled materials from boreholes and both ground and surface water from a number of locations within the park. Laboratory testing of the material is ongoing but initial findings suggest that the tip consists of ash, clinker (waste from industrial processes), brick concrete and domestic waste.

A number of environmental surveys have been completed, including a photographic study of the landscape at key points. We did these in the summer and winter so we can consider the impact of the different scheme options on the landscape at different times of the year.

Ecologists have reviewed those habitats where we might expect to find protected species such as great crested newts, water voles and badgers, as well as observing over-wintering bird species.



water vole

A day time noise survey has been completed. Measurements were taken in 12 locations – 5 along the A5036 and 7 around the Rimrose Valley. We will use these readings to compare current noise levels with predicted levels for each of the options.

These surveys are just the start of a long programme. More comprehensive and extensive surveys will be carried out during the next stage.

## Come and meet the team

We have arranged a series of events where we will be available to talk about the work we have done and how and when decisions will be made.

Come and meet us on:

### Friday 4th March, 2pm to 8pm

Litherland Sports Park, Boundary Road, Litherland, L21 7LA.

### Monday 7th March, 10am to 5pm

Netherton Library, Glovers Lane, Netherton, L30 3TL.

### Thursday 10th March, 2pm to 8pm

All Saints and St Frideswyde's Church Hall, Water Street, Thornton, L23 1TB.

### Friday 11th March, 10am to 5pm

Crosby Library, Crosby Road North, Liverpool, L22 0LQ. The exhibition panels will be left on display at Crosby Library until the 11th April.

Members of the team will also be available for an informal question and answer session at Bootle Library (Stanley Road, Bootle, L20 3EN) on **Friday 26th February** from 1pm and Maghull Library (Hall Lane, Maghull, L31 7BB) on **Thursday 3rd March** also from 1pm. Please note that due to space there will be only limited exhibition material on display.

## Contact us

For general enquiries about this scheme or to receive electronic versions of this and future leaflets, contact the Highways England project team via our email address: **A5036PortofLiverpool@highwaysengland.co.uk**

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