

The Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
TWA Orders Unit
Zone 9/09
Southside
105 Victoria Street
London SW1E 6DT

30 May 2008

Dear Sir,

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

**THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE)
(ENGLAND & WALES) RULES 2006 ("Rules")**

THE PROPOSED RIVER MERSEY (MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE) ORDER

Application is hereby made by Halton Borough Council for an Order under Section 3(1)(b) of the Transport & Works Act 1992, the purpose of which is to authorise the carrying out of works which are of a kind specified in that section for the purposes of constructing a new road bridge between Widnes and Runcorn in the Borough of Halton. In connection with the application a direction is also sought under Section 90 (2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

This letter of application is accompanied by the documents particularised in the schedule attached to it, together with three additional copies of this letter and the documents prescribed by Rules 10, 11 and 12 of the Rules. In payment of the requisite fee for processing the application a cheque in the sum of £139,140.00 made out to the Secretary of State for Transport has today been forwarded to the Department's accounts section. This is on the basis that the total area of the land on which the proposed works will be constructed shown on the works plans deposited with this application is 121.70 hectares.

All requests for further information, notices or any other documents required to be served upon the applicant should be made to DLA Piper UK LLP, 3 Noble Street, London EC2V 7EE (Ref: HB/96801/120000). I should be grateful if you would also kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by writing to DLA Piper UK LLP quoting the same reference.

Yours faithfully



Mark Reaney
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(Legal, Organisational Development and Human Resources)
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