TRANSPORT ACT 2000

THE A533 (SILVER JUBILEE BRIDGE)

ROAD USER CHARGING SCHEME ORDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Halton Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under section 168 of the Transport Act 2000 proposes to make the A533 (Silver Jubilee Bridge) Road User Charging Scheme Order ("the Order") and prior to doing so, in exercise of its powers under section 170

of the Act, will commence a consultation exercise about the proposed Order, including publication of the draft Order.

The Order will permit the Council to levy charges upon vehicles for the use of the Silver Jubilee Bridge and certain parts of the adjacent highway network in connection with the Council's proposals to construct a new road bridge between Widnes and Runcorn, known as the Mersey Gateway Project.

The new road bridge is also proposed to be subject to tolls or charges for its use by vehicles, which is the subject of a separate application to the Secretary of State for an Order under the Transport and Works Act 1992.

A copy of the Order, a plan showing the extent of the A533 to be subject to road charges for its use pursuant to the Order and of supporting information, may be inspected free of charge at the following

Halton Borough Council, Planning Kingsway Learning Centre (Library) Victoria

locations and during the hours set out below: Department, 2nd Floor, Rutland House, Halton Road, Widnes WAS 7QY

Lea, Runcom WA7 2GW Monday9.00am - 9.00pm

Wednesday9.00am - 9.00pm Thursday9.00am - 9.00pm

Halton Direct Link, Church Street, Runcorn WA7 1LX Halton Lea Library, Halton Lea, Runcorn WA7 7 Brook Street, Widnes WA8 6NB Queens Avenue, Ditton, Widnes WA8 8HR

Concourse Level, Rutland House, Halton Lea WA7 2ES Wednesday9.00am - 9.30pm

Saturday 9.00am - 1.00pm Runcorn Library, Egerton Street, Runcorn WA7 1JL

Copies of the Order, of the related plan and supporting information, may be obtained from Steve

Thursday 9.30am - 1.00pm and 2.00pm - 7.00pm

Nicholson at Halton Borough Council, Environment Directorate, 3rd Floor, Rutland House, Runcorn WA7 2GW. A charge may be payable where hard copies are requested.

Any objections to, representations and/or other responses to the consultation should be sent on or before 18 July 2008 to Halton Borough Council for the attention of Steve Nicholson at Halton

Borough Council, Environment Directorate, 3rd Floor, Rutland House, Runcorn WA7 2GW. Any objection representation or other response MUST (I) be received by the Council on or before Friday 18 July 2008; (ii) be made in writing (whether sent by post or e-mail); (iii) state the grounds of the objection or other representation; (iv) indicate who is making the objection or other representation; and (v) give an address to which correspondence relating to the objection or other representation may be sent (objections or other representations sent by e-mail must include a postal

address for correspondence). Halton Borough Council will take account of objections, representations or other responses that it receives in connection with the consultation exercise. It will also take account of such objections, representations or other responses in relation to its proposals for the Mersey Gateway Project as a whole.

DLA Piper UK LLP, Solicitors to Halton Borough Council

29th May 2008.