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Dear Jonathan

**Merseytram Project Closedown Update**

As you will be aware, earlier last month a decision was taken by the Merseyside Integrated Transport Authority to remove the 3-line Merseytram project as one of its policy aspirations within the Local Transport Plan. We are aware that this policy change will necessitate changes to your planning policy documents including the Local Plan and related strategies.

The Authority agreed, however, that it would be necessary to ensure full consultation with the relevant stakeholders. As such, it was proposed that consultation and negotiation would be undertaken with officers via the Transport Advisory Group and District Planning Offers Group, and with Members at the LCR Cabinet. The proposals were duly considered by the DPOs' group on 8<sup>th</sup> August, and the LCR Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Members of the Cabinet were asked to give their support to the decision. For completeness, it will formally go to the Transport Advisory Group on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, although informal discussion has taken place already via e-mail, with no concerns being raised.

Following this consultation and engagement period, a further report will be presented to the ITA on 5 December 2013, for final approval to remove the 3-line Merseytram project as one of the policy aspirations within the Local Transport Plan, and to close down the project, in planning policy and development control terms.

I understand this could have implications for the Independent Examination of Knowsley Local Plan (Core Strategy) which has its Pre-Hearing Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> September. I hope this clarifies the Authority's stance with respect to the Merseytram project, but do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information or written confirmation of this position.

Yours sincerely,

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