



Mersey Gateway Project Consultation on possible modifications

Thank you for coming to today's exhibition.

The Mersey Gateway Project is a major scheme to build a new six-lane toll bridge over the Mersey between Runcorn and Widnes.

It will also bring major highway improvements, employment, inward investment and regeneration opportunities to the area.

The project was approved in the Government's spending review (CSR) last year and received full planning approval in December 2010.

Funding approval was granted to the project by the Transport Secretary in October 2011, confirming that the Government is to invest up to £470million in the project over its lifetime. This investment confirms that the project will go ahead.

Our discussions with Government, local residents, councillors and others have identified ways that could improve value for money and better meet the concerns of residents along the Central Expressway.

Although the changes identified are relatively small, our estimates show that this amended approach

could reduce the cost of the scheme by at least £30 million.

To deliver the changes identified would require minor amendments to the existing planning approvals but before any planning applications are submitted we are keen to hear your views.