

Mersey Gateway Project  
Bridgewater Junction  
Planning Application

We want to hear your views





Approved plan for  
Bridgewater Junction

## Give us your views on the change

Merseylink have been appointed as Halton Borough Council's Preferred Bidder for the Mersey Gateway Project. We will be working closely with the Council, local and regional stakeholders and the people of Halton to deliver this scheme over the next four years.

The Project already has planning permission, and we are proposing some small modifications to part of the Council's approved scheme near Bridgewater Junction. This is a minor change, which doesn't affect the main bridge or the Central Expressway but provides benefits to the Bridgewater Junction area. We'd like to know what you think of the revised plan.

The public consultation period runs from July 1 to 26, 2013 and is designed to give you a chance to comment on our plan. You can let us know your views by:

- Sending the questionnaire to us by Freepost

- Dropping the completed questionnaire off at one of the Merseylink boxes at local libraries and HDLs (Halton Direct Links)
- Emailing your comments to [info@merseylink.com](mailto:info@merseylink.com).

We will also be holding two public events where you can look at the plans in more detail ([see the back cover for dates and times](#)).

We look forward to hearing from you.

Upon completion simply tear off the questionnaire and return it to the Freepost address. Alternatively, send your comments by email to [info@merseylink.com](mailto:info@merseylink.com). We would like to receive your views by **July 26, 2013**.



Merseylink's proposal for Bridgewater Junction

## The benefits of the new design

We think our changes make the plan better. Merseylink's design for the junction will offer the same highway and safety standards as the original proposal, but will substantially improve the environmental impact, particularly during construction. The earth embankments forming the new roundabouts are lower in height and therefore need much less material to be delivered to the site.

As a result, construction time will be shorter and the number of construction vehicle movements in the area will be substantially reduced. Local residents and road users will experience much less disruption.

As you'll see on the plan above, we intend to replace the proposed conventional roundabout with two smaller linked roundabouts, known as a dumbbell arrangement.

The main route from the new bridge to the central expressway is not changing. It is the layout of the proposed roundabout underneath it – which allows traffic to move between the main route and the Bridgewater

and Daresbury Expressways – which we are proposing to change.

We have protected the environment along the canal towpath by retaining the existing bridges and removing the need to provide a new high concrete wall located alongside the canal, which would have been required by the approved design. Every effort will be made to retain the existing trees and shrubs in the area.

Chris Rhead, our Project Director, said: "The new plan provides road users with the option to travel in any direction using a safe and user friendly junction. Local residents will experience much less disruption as a result of this proposal and I am particularly pleased that we will retain much more of the existing canal landscape."

Construction of the junction will take about 12 months to complete, which is six months quicker than the approved Bridgewater Junction scheme would have taken.

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

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Merseylink believe the new junction proposal will reduce disruption to local residents. Please comment on whether you agree or disagree?

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The new junction arrangement retains much of the existing environment along the canal and Merseylink consider this to be a significant improvement. Please comment on whether you agree or disagree?

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Are you satisfied that Merseylink have clearly explained the details of the new junction proposal and have provided opportunity for you to comment?

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Do you have any further comments relating to the new junction proposal?

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All responses will be treated in confidence. To help our analysis of the feedback, please indicate your postcode. You can also supply your name and address, and / or email address, but this is optional.

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## Consultation events

We will be holding two events at which the Bridgewater Junction plans will be available for inspection. Merseylink staff will be on hand at the events to discuss the application with you.

### Come along to:

Runcorn Town Hall (Chambers) on Tuesday July 9

Select Security Stadium, Widnes (formerly Stobart Stadium)  
on Tuesday July 16

Both events run from 12 noon to 8 pm



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