

**Liverpool City Region**  
**Port Access Steering Group**

**Key Messages**

- The growth of the Port of Liverpool will bring major economic benefits for the Liverpool City Region and the wider national economy by increasing opportunities for trade with the rest of the world, including key markets in the Far East and the Americas.
- Liverpool is ideally placed for international trade because of its location in the centre of the UK, making large areas of the UK accessible within a limited travel time. It allows goods to be imported closer to their final destination.
- The Port expansion will create significant numbers of job opportunities for communities across the Liverpool City Region, both directly at the Port and through a wide range of other businesses which depend on goods brought in and out of the Port and in the supply chain.
- For the Port to be successful, it needs to have good transport access, enabling the efficient and timely movement of large quantities of freight by rail, road and water.
- The Liverpool City Region authorities are working with the private sector and Government agencies to examine and deliver transport measures that will improve access by rail, road and water to the Port and enable the Port to expand as planned.
- In the long term (post 2020), a major new road improvement will be needed to meet the forecast demand for road access to the Port.
- As well as the significant economic benefits and opportunities provided by the Port, there are potential negative environmental impacts on local communities. The Liverpool City Region authorities are working with the port company and the local communities to ensure that these impacts are reduced, mitigated and managed as far as possible.

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