

Emails between Highways England and Peel Ports 25th July 2017 to Date

25 July 2017

Email [REDACTED], Highways England to A, Peel Ports
Subject: Preferred Route Announcement

A, Peel Ports

Just so you know the announcement date has been brought forward to 8 August from the original planned date of 14 August. Dft and the SOS have completed their review quicker than anticipated allowing the announcement to be made a week earlier.

Regards

[REDACTED]

07 August 2017

Email [REDACTED], Highways England to A, Peel Ports
Subject: RE: Preferred Route Announcement

A, Peel Ports

Just so you are aware of latest developments. I have some news on the preferred route announcement. The date has been changed again. This is to allow a little more time for constructive dialogue on how to maximise the benefits of the scheme before the announcement is made. I was advised late on Friday afternoon that the announcement will be in September hopefully at the start of the month. I will keep you updated on any developments if this is to change again.

Regards

[REDACTED]

17th August 2017

Email A at Peel Ports to [REDACTED], Highways England
Subject: RE: Preferred Route Announcement

Hi [REDACTED] – thanks for the heads up much appreciated.

By all means let me know if there is any support you need from Peel Ports in the run up to the announcement.

Kind Regards,
A, Peel Ports

31 October 2017

Email A at Peel Ports to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], Highways England
Subject: Port of Liverpool Access

Hi [REDACTED] – good to see you both yesterday I sometimes come away from those meetings thinking there is only Highways England and Peel Ports that want to sort matters out.

Chatting with D, Peel Ports afterwards we thought it would be useful if the 4 of us got together to compare notes it goes without saying we want to provide as much support as you need to progress the scheme.

We are happy to come across to Manchester or you may want us to host here at the Port and we can show you around some of the recent investments...Liverpool2 and the Biomass Terminal for example.

On a couple of matters from yesterday:

- Legal Challenge. This is very disappointing and I don't think will go down well with the DfT and the Government. Our fear has always been that in the absence of support from the City Region that there may be some wavering over progressing the scheme through the DCO process. We have all worked tirelessly to secure the Government funding but if it was withdrawn this would be disastrous;
- Tunnel Option. I seem to recall that the tunnel option was discounted on technical and cost grounds, BCR etc. in a previous round of reporting. Sefton have always participated in the Port Access Steering Group so I am surprised given they have been fully involved. It is clearly a political and not technical agenda that Sefton are promoting;
- Network Rail. In the context of our rail strategy and pursuing a multi-modal approach the note circulated from E, Network Rail is very concerning. F, Sefton Council has committed to writing to G (at Network Rail) and we will also make enquiries internally to ascertain if there is any substance to the softening in priority by Network Rail.

If you can let me have a couple of dates that would be helpful.

Kind Regards,
A, Peel Ports

2 Nov 2017

Email from [REDACTED] to A, Peel Ports
RE: Port of Liverpool Access

Hi A,

Thank you for your email, you actually pre-empted a request we were going to make to meet as we feel it would be useful to brief you and explore any options there may be to seek assistance from Peel Ports to continue to progress the scheme. We are as frustrated as you are regarding the potential legal challenge. Happy to come over

to you, as both [REDACTED] and I would very much like to have a look around the Port.
Possible dates are as follows:

17, 23 and 30 November all afternoon.

5 and 6 December afternoon, or we're both free 7 and 8 December all day.

Happy to split out a meeting and port visit too, if that makes it easier or if you are pushed for time at all – appreciating there are quite a few Friday afternoons in that list of dates!

Our response to Sefton's pre-Action Notification is due back with them tomorrow (3 November) and we've just received confirmation the letter has all been agreed and signed off by our Executive. My understanding is Sefton then have until 30th November to submit the request to proceed to JR based on the three month cut off following the preferred route announcement on 31st August. We're currently assessing the impact of the various potential scenarios on the programme, I'm sure it will come as no surprise to learn that a delay is going to be inevitable, it's just how long and what mitigation is available to us. Agree entirely with the points you make below and we'll ask the team to check the representations made by Liverpool and LCR during the public consultation.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

16 February 2018

Email [REDACTED], Highways England to A, Peel Ports
Subject: A5036 Legal Challenge

A

You may see some more media interest around this scheme over the coming days as there has been a decision on the legal Challenge. Sefton have been granted permission to bring their JR challenge in respect of the Port of Liverpool PRA. The Judge has said that our points in response were well made but they were not enough to secure a knock-out blow and therefore Sefton now have the opportunity to put forward their case at a full hearing at the High Court in Manchester later in the year (date yet to be decided). We will be continuing to defend our position.

Any queries feel free to give me a call.

Regards

[REDACTED]

16 February 2018

Email A, Peel Ports to [REDACTED], Highways England

Subject: RE: A5036 Legal Challenge

Hi [REDACTED] – thanks for the update very disappointing but not unexpected.
Do let me know if there is anything we can be doing as Peel Ports to support
Highways England throughout the legal process.
Kind regards,
A

11 July 2018

Email [REDACTED] at Highways England to A and B at Peel Ports

Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and H at Highways England

Subject: A5036 - thank you

A,

It was good to see you and meet I, Peel Ports earlier on, thank you both for your time and offer of help.

We are appreciative of Peel's support as we are struggling for high profile advocates elsewhere. Others seem to be unwilling to publically get involved in what is seen to be a local political issue despite being positive about the scheme behind closed doors. This is proving to be incredibly frustrating when the majority of the benefits will be hugely beneficial to Liverpool and the wider city region and is potentially putting the whole scheme at risk. Any positive messages we can get out through your liaison and maritime groups, Cargo200 or through J, Peel Port's involvement with the Local Enterprise Partnership would be most welcome.

With regards the public consultation taking place at the same time as judicial review – this won't happen. We are actually now planning on going out late November/early December for a slightly extended period to take the Christmas break into account. By then we should know the outcome of the JR so can have a more meaningful conversation, we were also worried about the risk to staff as we've been accused of arrogance in ignoring the legal process. I couldn't say as much in the meeting as Arcadis were present and we don't want them to slow down at all, which is why we're maintaining the line of October with them for the next few weeks at least. We're keen to get the alignment and design nailed down, so that we can then more importantly concentrate on getting the message and communication plan right.

We'll keep you updated and if you need anything from us please do not hesitate to get in touch.

[REDACTED]

25 July 2018

Email [REDACTED] at Highways England to A at Peel Ports
Cc: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] at Highways England
Subject: A5036 - LEP

Hi A,

Hope you're okay? Good to speak to you yesterday.

[REDACTED] and I had a really positive catch up with K, Merseytravel and L, Merseytravel on Friday afternoon. One of the things we discussed was the LEP and how it would be useful to provide an update to that forum around the Port Access scheme. I don't think we've ever formally presented the scheme and it would be good timing ahead of preparing for public consultation?

They suggested doing a joint update with J, Peel Ports about the port generally in terms of your recent successes with the new rail movements and also the 2M Transatlantic operations, which then leads into the importance of access, which is where we could do our update. Let me know what you think and whether this is something J, Peel Ports would be supportive of.

Happy to discuss, just give myself or Tim a call. I've copied [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in as I'll be out of the office from next Tuesday until after the bank holiday weekend.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

06 August 2018

Email A, Peel Ports to [REDACTED], Highways England
Cc: [REDACTED], Highways England; [REDACTED], Highways England
Subject: RE: A5036 - LEP

Hi [REDACTED] – hope you are well. I spoke with our Chief Executive last Friday he is happy to do what he can to move things along. He has a meeting with the Chair of the Liverpool LEP tomorrow so will raise with him.

Would also suggest you email the Chief Executive at the LEP to keep him appraised as highly likely it would be them putting the arrangements in place around a joint presentation at one of their Board meetings.

Kind regards,
A, Peel Ports

6th August 2018

Email [REDACTED], Highways England to A, Peel Ports
Subject: RE: A5036 – LEP

Thanks for your email A

I will get in touch with J, Peel Ports whilst [REDACTED] is on leave and let him know the current situation. It would be great if we could do complimentary presentations at the same LEP meeting so we can build on the story about the port.

Will get back to you after I have spoken with J, Peel Ports

Thanks

Regards

[REDACTED]

19 Nov 2018

Email H, Highways England to A, Peel Ports (attached article and Sketch)
Subject A5036 PoL Access - stakeholders / archive article

Hi A

Thanks for meeting with us again on Monday.

As discussed, I'd be grateful if our stakeholder lead, could make contact with you to discuss ideas on how Peel can support our stakeholder work in advance of the consultation and DCO next year. I'm sure there are lots of opportunities to tap into your networks that will enhance the work we are already doing.

I also mentioned some archive material we found that referenced Rimrose Valley road proposals, with the most recent being from 1994. I've attached the article and a also road proposal sketch from 1971.

Regards

H