



Proposed Manchester Ship Canal crossing - disused railway Latchford.

Dear Sir / Madam,

Please be advised that hitherto, a new crossing at this location has always been dismissed as an insurmountable problem of almost biblical proportion. Clearly, this proposal suggests otherwise. To create a road crossing at this location would sabotage the full potential of this route, an intercity, light railway/tram system between Liverpool and Manchester; much of which already exists.

Now that the government has officially proclaimed that the north needs to take responsibility for it's own transport infrastructure and the Prime Minister herself has disclosed just how much finance is available; then perhaps we should seize this opportunity to help meet the needs of the big picture (Northern Powerhouse) and the much cliched, if not slightly mythical, "integrated transport system". Hope springs eternal! Thank you.