

**THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992**

**THE TRANSPORT WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006**

**THE RIVER MERSEY (MERSEY GATEWAY BRIDGE) ORDER**

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**FUNDING STATEMENT**

**RULE 10(3)(a)**

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**Capital Finance**

Halton Borough Council (the "Applicant") proposes to enter into a concession agreement with a private sector concessionaire for the design, construction, finance and operation of the works to be authorised by the application of which this Funding Statement forms part. The finance for the construction of the works will be secured in part by a direct capital grant from Her Majesty's Government via the Regional Funding Allocations and in part by finance secured by the private sector.

**Operational Funding**

The funding that will be used to pay for the operating and other costs of the works and repay the private finance will be secured in part through Her Majesty's Government's Private Finance Initiative ("PFI"), and in part through the income derived from the application of charges for the use of the crossings in Halton.

**Funding for Blight**

Should claims for blight arise as a consequence of this application, the costs of meeting claims that are upheld will be met from the capital reserves of the Applicant's Land and Property budget.

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