



By email to <email address>

26<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Dear <name>

Rimrose Valley Friends represents many people who live in the wards of Sefton that surround Rimrose Valley.

You may be aware that Rimrose Valley is under threat of destruction by the Government who has charged Highways England with the task of improving road access to the Port of Liverpool. We are currently awaiting Highways England's decision as to whether Rimrose Valley will be their chosen route.

Rimrose Valley is a 2.4 mile-long essential green space for the tens of thousands of people who live in the vicinity, improving the physical and mental health of the people by providing a place to rest, relax, exercise, cycle and walk between wards in what is otherwise an incredibly densely urbanised area of Merseyside. It is an area of biological significance with wetlands, and it contains migrating and rare species of wildlife. It is also a local educational resource. All this means that it is essential that Rimrose Valley should be left alone.

There are other options which are being ignored in favour of the road plans and by doing so we believe the Government is taking an extremely short sighted approach to solve the problem.

Ahead of the Combined Authority Mayoral Election on 4th May we would like to publish to our thousands of supporters exactly what the position is of each candidate on the matter of protecting Rimrose Valley from the construction of a road, whether an immediate threat or a threat that will return in the coming years.

**Please can you email back with your position on this matter so that we can publish your response?**

Yours sincerely

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