

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**TO BE PUT TO THE COUNCIL MEETING ON 12 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Moved by: Councillor Neil Doolin

Seconded by: Councillor Sean Halsall

**Cancel the proposed A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Road through Rimrose Valley Country Park.**

**This council notes:**

The A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Scheme was paused in March 2023, and pushed back to a group of road projects known collectively as "RIS3" which are due to commence in April 2025. As such, the plan to build a dual carriageway through Rimrose Valley remains in place.

The election of a new Labour Government provides an opportunity to end the uncertainty and cancel the proposed scheme once and for all.

The untiring work of local residents and volunteers of the Save Rimrose Valley campaign for its continued campaign to prevent the destruction of Rimrose Valley, has been a credit to our community and their devotion to protecting green spaces.

**This council believes:**

There are better ways to improve transport links to and from the Port of Liverpool which would avoid the long-term consequences and harm to the local environment and to the health and well-being of the surrounding communities caused by the building of a dual carriageway through Rimrose Valley.

The proposed road would worsen air quality in South Sefton, which already has some of the worst levels of pollution in the country and therefore represents a grave threat to public health. The CO2 emissions generated through its construction and subsequent use would contribute to the global climate emergency, at a time when the transport sector urgently needs to *reduce* its CO2 emissions; it being the only sector to see emissions grow in recent years.

Rimrose Valley serves as a vital green space for the surrounding communities and offers a sanctuary for residents to connect with nature, engage in recreational activities, and find solace amidst the hustle and bustle of urban life. As such, it needs to be recognised and protected as resource for both physical and mental well-being.

Green spaces such as Rimrose Valley are home to a rich and diverse range of plant and animal species, making them essential habitats for our biodiversity to thrive. This biodiversity is under threat. We therefore have a responsibility to protect and preserve such places, as they contribute to the overall health and resilience of our planet's ecosystems.

Building a road through this park would further perpetuate the mindset of prioritising economic growth over environmental sustainability and public health and wellbeing.

**This council resolves to:**

Continue to oppose the A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Road.

Write to Lousie Haigh MP, new Labour Party Secretary of State for Transport to call for the A5036 Port of Liverpool Access Road to be cancelled and alternative methods of addressing the transport needs of the Port of Liverpool are explored.

Thank the local residents and volunteers of the Save Rimrose Valley Campaign for its continued work.

Continue to protect green spaces within urban environments and support communities to access such amenities to promote mental and physical health wellbeing.