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Attachments: Rixton and Warburton Bridge Act 1863.pdf; Rixton and Warburton Bridge Amendment Act 1867.pdf; The Manchester Ship Canal (Various Powers) Act 1890.pdf; Manchester Ship Canal Act 1885.pdf

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Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992 (TWA): APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED RIXTON & WARBURTON BRIDGE ORDER

Please find below the statement of case with accompanying documentation to support Warburton Parish Council's objection to the above proposed order:

1. The legislation only refers to a toll for the low level original "Rixton and Warburton Toll bridge". There is no reference in the original legislation or subsequent acts that transfers the toll to the high level cantilever bridge spanning the Manchester Ship Canal.
2. The case for the toll remaining on the original "Rixton and Warburton Toll Bridge" that spans the old river bed of the river Mersey is clear as despite the diversion of the river into the Manchester Ship Canal, the road and bridge level still remain several metres above the level of the old river bed and the bridge is still required to traverse the old river bed at road level.
3. The legislation requires that the toll only be used to support the running and maintenance of the original "Rixton and Warburton Toll Bridge". It refers to the operation being run in a non-profit type manner and clearly has been put in place and adjusted over the years to protect from this very situation of a company trying to use the toll to extort money from its users.
4. There are multiple bridges across the Manchester ship canal and not one is tolled. All bridges and crossings are required to be maintained by the Manchester Ship Canal company from the profits (which are considerable) from the running of the Manchester Ship Canal.
5. The costs reported to repair the bridge over the Manchester Ship Canal should not be sort from the "Rixton and Warburton Toll Bridge" funds but from the profits of the Manchester Ship Canal.
6. The fund collected to date from the Toll can only be used for repair and maintenance of the original "Rixton and Warburton Toll Bridge" and despite the toll being collected for decades, there has been little to no maintenance performed on this bridge.

References

Rixton and Warburton Bridge Act, 1863

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Regards

