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Dear Sir / Madam,

Trafford Council welcomes the current consultation on the Warburton Toll Bridge and the ambition to identify a sustainable future for it. The bridge provides an important local highway and active travel access across the Manchester Ship Canal, connecting Trafford / GM and Warrington.

The current design of the bridge, approach roads and toll barriers have a negative impact on the local Warburton community. The toll barriers cause congestion and delays in the area, as well as poor air quality, particularly in relation to HGVs. Any design improvements to the bridge will need to consider these points, as well as other Trafford / GM policies and priorities such as the Transport Strategy 2040, sustainable and active travel improvements, along with development proposals in the wider area, including the proposed Places for Everyone allocation at New Carrington.

Whilst Trafford Council is supportive of improvements to the bridge, this must take local interests into account, particularly in relation to toll charges. The Council supports the proposal for a geographic concession for residents in the local area. The 'Warburton Toll Bridge – Sustainable Investment Plan' states that a local discount will be considered for residents of a defined local geographical area that covers postcodes WA3 6 and WA13 9. Trafford Council considers that the 'local area' in Trafford should include Warburton and Partington Parish Areas. Residents of these areas use the bridge on a relatively frequent basis and should therefore benefit from a discounted toll. In addition, options for a frequent users pass for regular users

of the crossing should also be made available. Trafford Council would welcome further discussion on this.

A number of vehicles are currently exempt from the toll, such as emergency services, buses, pedestrians and cyclists and the continued exemption of these users is supported. The role of the bridge as a sustainable transport corridor should be considered as part of any future design / maintenance improvements to the bridge.

Trafford Council looks forward to continued engagement with Peel Ports in progressing the proposed improvements to the Warburton Toll Bridge.

Yours sincerely

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