

## Scrap Mersey Tolls - Press Release 4 Jun 2019

### CALL FOR AN INQUIRY INTO MERSEY TOLLS AND ENFORCEMENT

Scrap Mersey Tolls have asked MPs to call for an independent investigation of all the Mersey tolls and what is happening with the enforcement of the Mersey Gateway tolls.

The call comes just before a debate at Westminster where MPs are to discuss the tolls on the crossings of the Mersey - both the Tunnels and the Mersey Gateway bridge. The debate was called for by Justin Madders, the MP for Ellesmere Port.

Campaigners believe that it is most unlikely that the debate will have any concrete results but it will at least indicate whether local MPs are really interested in the issue.

Scrap Mersey Tolls have written to the MPs asking them to take part in the debate and reminding them of some of the issues.

John McGoldrick from the group said

"Our area is the worst effected in Britain by tolls. Added to this we have had the awful effects of the penalty charge system on the Mersey Gateway. It is creating a lot of hardship and worry. To make it even worse, we believe that it is illegal.

It is long past time that something was done. In particular we need some real promises as to what Labour would do in power, the Conservative government are not likely to do much while it is still Labour's policy to profit from drivers and businesses who need to cross the Mersey by road."

Ends

Debate starts at 11.30 on Wednesday 5th June at Westminster Hall

The letter to MPs-

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