

Dear Sirs

This is a big shock to the railway system in the North West/North Wales; the current inability to run more trains from Chester to Wrexham impacts on the ability (when Halton curve is rebuilt),for example, to run freight from Liverpool to North & South Wales Birmingham and the South Coast.

The West Coast Main Line (WCML) is constrained by the two track section at Weaver Junction which restricts traffic from Liverpool joining the West Coast Main Lines and reduces paths on the main line.

When the Panamax ship start berthing at Liverpool and hopefully containers are despatched by rail the consequences of the restricted paths for trains are considerable.

In addition the possibility of running trains from Wrexham to Liverpool via Halton Curve or to Manchester are also constrained.

This is short sighted silo thinking of the worst kind.

Regards

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