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Port and marine-related development requiring planning permission will be permitted within the existing Dock Estates at Birkenhead and Eastham; at Twelve Quays; along the Tranmere waterfront at Cammell Lairds; and along the Bromborough Coast; where the proposals will:

1. be well-related to the Strategic Freight Network;
2. make effective use of existing infrastructure;
3. contribute towards the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, through the more efficient use of rail and water transport;
4. minimise the environmental impact on residential areas, including routing protocols for traffic to and from the development;
5. have no unacceptable adverse impact on water quality or adverse effect on designated European Sites or their supporting habitats;
6. assist in enhancing access to jobs for local residents, particularly within areas of greatest need; and
7. meet the requirements of Policy CS42.

Sites for new port-related development will be identified in a site-specific Local Plan.

- 19.8 The Mersey Ports Master Plan produced by the port operator anticipates a continued demand to serve a growth in port traffic, port-centric distribution and other complementary sectors. Most port-related development for storage and distribution within the existing boundaries of the Dock Estates is permitted development but some projects will require planning permission and/or other regulatory consents, including the regulatory requirements of the Marine Management Organisation. A small amount of additional wharfage is also located along the Bromborough coast which could accommodate general cargo and other port and marine related uses.