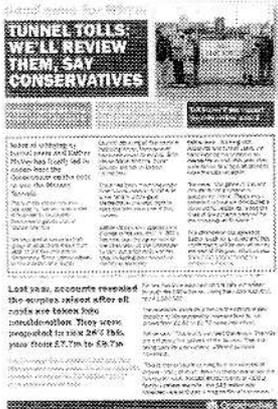


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Chancellor George Osborne pledges to cut the Mersey Tunnel tolls for Wirral residents

The choice on Thursday for Wirral West: Higher tunnel tolls with Labour versus lower, or no tolls, with the Conservatives

The closing days of the 2015 Election Campaign saw Chancellor of the Exchequer, George Osborne, come to Wirral on Bank Holiday Monday.



Mr Osborne announced that, following lobbying by Esther McVey, he has agreed that the tunnel tolls must be cut and even abolished once and for all.

As revealed by Esther in her last newsletter, the tolls now make a massive £10 million

surplus for Labour-run Merseytravel.

Mr Osborne said that the toll was acting as a barrier to better transport links which are vital to a strong economy in the region.

Esther said: "The tolls are a tax on Wirral. The surplus is not being used for the benefit of Wirral and the effect of the tolls is a drag on our local economy.

"I'm delighted that the chancellor agrees and has pledged to cut them and abolish them later."

Only the Conservatives will abolish the tunnel tolls. A Government led by Ed Miliband won't. The choice on Thursday couldn't be any clearer for people in Wirral.

"During a visit to Birkenhead this afternoon, Mr Osborne confirmed a Conservative government would cut tolls for Wirral residents and small businesses. He added that he was confident they could be scrapped altogether."
WIRRAL GLOBE: 4th May

George Osborne says Mersey tunnel tolls will "definitely" be cut by Tories
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