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**DOWNTOWN**

## Come on Liverpool -Wake up!

Only £18m it appears this week came between Alsop's fourth grace being realised, this is the money required by the public sector to ensure Kings Dock was delivered.

At about the same time as the news of the fourth grace last week, Mancunians learnt that UK Govt would not give them the £520m to build three new metrolink tram extensions.

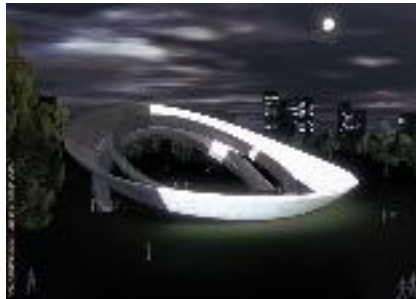
In that time massive banners have been hung from their town hall, and the public response led the M.E.N editor to state: *'I have never known so many businesses, councillors and newspaper readers come together on an issue so quickly'*

Can we not therefore raise a whimper or perhaps even the £18m in the city to give us our landmark building for a 21st century Manhattan on the Mersey?

[or is it building heights not bucks that counts..]

## Great Spaces make Great Downtowns

We have the new Cathedral Piazza, Exchange Flags, Clayton Square's Big Telly all make their contribution to building the outdoor element of a cityscape.



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Now that we're back to square one for 4th Grace, one of the initial proposals was just to make a **great space** so check out [La Vilette](#), or why not *La Luna* : and grab Wirral's **Aluna moonclock** whilst their political mandarins vacillate [[alunatime.org](#)]

Not that the Wirral's business community is vacillating with news that a consortium representing the site of the former Cammell Laird's shipyard are in talks with Will Alsop to bring the Cloud to **Birkenhead**.

Good for them, now go and create a skyline to rival Liverpool's. Check out

**Shanghai's skyline** opposite the Bund for a glimpse of what *could be*. [[link](#)]