

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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***TramForward* welcomes Minister's pro-tram commitment**

TramForward is encouraged by Transport Minister Norman Baker's commitment to trams during his interview on BBC Radio 4's Face the Facts on Monday.

The Minister emphasised the popularity and green credentials of tram systems and was confident that the construction costs of tramways can be brought down. He cited lack of standardisation and the excessive cost of moving utilities amongst the factors being currently addressed by a Department of Transport review. *TramForward* eagerly awaits the publication of this report in the near future.

The Minister also mentioned the Government's commitment to localism in the context of future tram schemes and it is to be hoped that it will indeed be possible in the future for cities to have more control over the planning and financing of their transport infrastructure.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. *TramForward* is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association.
2. The Light Rail Transit Association is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport through light rail, tramway and metro systems in our towns and cities for 70 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their localities.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs under 12p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolseley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members of the LRTA receive the monthly magazine *Tramways & Urban Transit* - written and read by experts in the field - and gain other benefits including discounts on videos and books, tours of transport systems and cut-price admission to selected transport sites.
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