

# **TramForward**

## *Campaigning for Light Rail*

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***TramForward* urges Derby to adopt tramway link to HS2**

The recent announcement that the northern extension of the high speed rail line (HS2) will serve the East Midlands via an "out of town" station at Toton brings into focus the need to ensure that all stations on the new line, whether city centre or out of town are adequately served by high-capacity, fast and frequent public transport. Failure to do this will result in increased congestion and will largely negate the time-saving advantages of the new railway.

We understand that Nottingham, with its successful and expanding tramway system, is already looking at ways of further extending this network to serve the proposed HS2 station at Toton.

Derby, if it is to maximise the benefits from HS2, needs to start planning now for an equivalent link to the new station. Derby City Council, which unsuccessfully lobbied for the new line to pass through the city centre, should heed the advice of John Forkin, Managing Director of Marketing Derby, who recently called for just such a link.

The Light Rail Transit Association's Regional Officer for Derby, David Gibson, has drawn up a plan for a Derby tramway system, initially utilising the disused Great Northern railway line. His planned network can easily be extended to serve the new station at Toton as well as providing an additional transport link between Derby and Nottingham.

*TramForward* commends this plan to the city fathers and people of Derby.

### **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](http://www.lrta.org) or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolsley 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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