

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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***TramForward* supports Sutton's bid for Tramlink extension**

TramForward fully supports the bid by Sutton Council for an extension of London Tramlink to the town, detailed plans of which were made public at a meeting last Thursday evening (23 May 2013).

The planned route would run from the existing Tramlink Croydon-Wimbledon line at Merton through Rosehill and St Helier, Angel Hill, and Sutton High Street to a terminal at Sutton station. A later second phase would link the town centre to the Royal Marsden Hospital.

The plan is backed by local politicians and business leaders and Under Secretary of State for Transport, Norman Baker MP, who was at the launch event, also gave the project his backing.

The tram connection would cut local journey times and costs, reduce pollution on the streets of Sutton and help regenerate deprived areas such as the St Helier Estate by encouraging investment, improving access and widening the job market in the localities affected.

TramForward calls upon the people and businesses of Sutton to back their Council's scheme and Transport for London to liaise with the Council to take this proposal forward and make it a reality. Light Rail Transit Association Chairman Andrew Braddock added that local public transport improvements such as this deserved the Mayor's support just as much as Crossrail 2 and the New Bus for London.

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 15p 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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