

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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TramForward welcomes public enthusiasm for trams

TramForward is delighted to see a recent indication of the popular acceptance of trams as an effective means of urban public transport.

Towards the end of last year Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM) held a twelve week consultation on its proposals to build a new Metrolink line to Trafford Park. Of more than 1,500 comments received, 89% were positive, 6% were neutral and only 5% were not in favour of the planned line.

The proposals would see a 5.5km Metrolink line being built through Trafford Park, one of the region's largest centres of employment, to the Trafford Centre. £350 million of funding for the scheme has been confirmed under November's Greater Manchester Agreement which promises wider devolution of transport and spatial planning powers to the city region.

TfGM has now submitted the required Transport & Works Act Order application to build the line.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. **TramForward** is the campaigning arm of the Light Rail Transit Association (LRTA).
2. The LRTA is the world's leading organisation campaigning for better public transport in urban areas through light rail, tramway and metro systems and has been in existence for more than 75 years. It also supports the revitalisation of suburban and rural transport through the application of light rail and TramTrain technology.
3. The LRTA acts through its network of local branches, which campaign for better transport in their areas.
4. Membership of the LRTA costs less than 14p a day. To join, visit www.lrta.org or write to the Membership Secretary, LRTA, 38 Wolsley Road, Sale, Greater Manchester, M33 7AU. Members 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 museums.
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