

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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Trams can solve Oxford's traffic congestion

***Tram Forward* welcomes the recent report recommending the introduction trams or light rail in Oxford**

TramForward welcomes "The Trams for Oxford" report produced by a team headed by the award-winning planning consultant Dr Nicholas Falk and transport specialists from both of Oxford's universities. *TramForward* endorses the statement from Oxford City Council this week that said it believed "a tram network would attract a wider range of users than a bus-based solution".

Leading UK and International tram expert Jim Harkins, secretary of the All Party Parliament Light Rail Group, said "We welcome the report and the forward looking stance of both Oxford City Council and Oxfordshire County Council in recognising the key role a tram system could play in improving the quality of life and environmental health, as well as transforming public transport around the Oxford area".

"*TramForward* and the tramway industry's trade organisation UK Tram will be eager to assist in offering knowledge and examples of good tramway construction and operational practices being used throughout the world", he added.

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 75 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 14p 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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