

TramForward

Campaigning for Light Rail

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SWANSEA CITY REGION PASSENGER TRANSPORT

1. *TramForward* recognises the importance for the City of Swansea of the recently announced £3Bn package of major construction projects in the city, with building scheduled in the next 5 years.
2. *TramForward* believes that a public transport system of comparable quality should be provided to complement and link the major projects.
3. Swansea should follow the example of its German twin Mannheim and realise the benefits of a tram system, just as its Danish 'friendship agreement' city, Aarhus, is currently doing.
4. To provide the requisite quality and permanence, *TramForward* proposes that a modern tram system should be created to serve the city. A tram system of an inverted letter 'T' configuration would be the appropriate starter line.
5. This starter system would have a north to south stem linking Morriston Hospital and the DVLA area with the Liberty Stadium and City Centre. An east to west line would link the new University campus at Crymlyn Burrows with the City Centre, and the existing university campus and Hospital at Singleton Park.
6. Other tram lines and extensions could be added subsequently, and high quality buses would continue where tram investment is not justified.

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 Wolseley 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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