

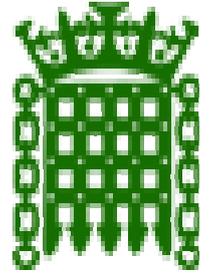


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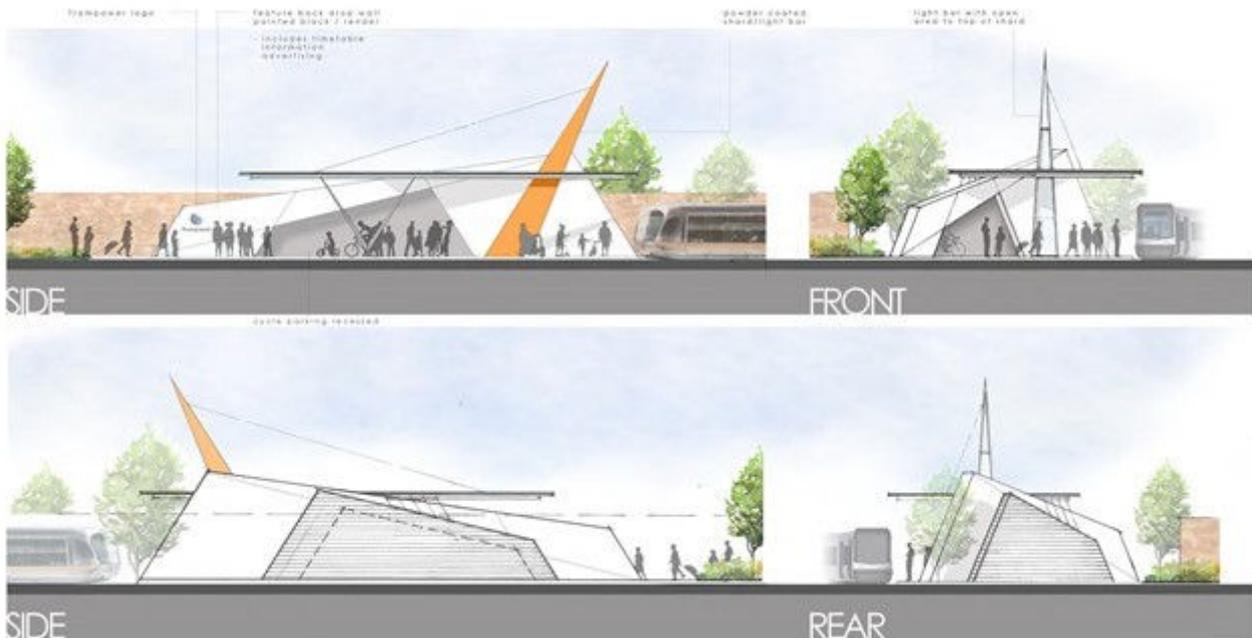
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REWORKED PLANS IN TO BRING TRAMS TO PRESTON



Pictured: CGI of a proposed tram stop

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Proposals to create a tram network in Preston are back on the table again.

Preston TramPower has submitted a revised application to create a pilot tram operation in the city by reinstating a stretch of the former Longridge to Preston train line.

Planning consultancy PWA Planning has been brought in to advise the company on the plans, which seek to address the concerns over road safety and noise that led to an earlier application being rejected in April 2015.

Under the scheme, a tram station, platform and tram shed would be built on the former coal yard in the Deepdale area of the city and a section of the disused train line between Skeffington Road and Deepdale Street would be reinstated.

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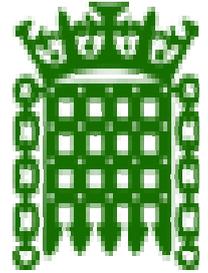


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Professor Lewis Lesley, technical director of Preston Trampower, said:

"This is an exciting project for the city of Preston and one that has the potential to play a major role in its ongoing regeneration. This pilot project would act as a precursor to a fully operational tram system that could be easily extended across the city and link up to other transport hubs.

"It's a chance for Preston to see what's possible and how a modern and sustainable light railway system could transform the city by improving local transport infrastructure and easing the traffic congestion we all experience. We'd love to see the city getting behind this vision."

Daniel Hughes, senior planner at PWA Planning, said: "With this new planning application, we've directly addressed concern about possible noise pollution through suitable noise reduction measures, and we've also shown how design and minor highway alterations can address any safety concerns relating to the proposed tram line crossing at Deepdale Mill Street."

Preston Trampower has named Pre Metro Operations, which runs the Stourbridge Shuttle light railway, as its preferred operator. It hopes to be able to attract funding from the Green Investment Bank for the project, and revealed that it is in advanced negotiations with contractors and constructors to help build the scheme.

If the pilot is successful, Preston Trampower added that it would seek approval to extend the project with the ultimate vision of linking up the train station with the north of the city, as well as serving the University of Central Lancashire and the Lancashire Enterprise Zone at Samlesbury.

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