

Light Rail (UK)

All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group

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An invitation from

Wera Hobhouse MP.

Chair,

To a meeting in

**Committee Room 16
Tuesday 1700h – 1900h
23rd April 2019**



House of Commons

A pre DfT “Call for Evidence consultation” meeting

In recent years, the Department for Transport has provided funding to extend existing light rail systems in operation in a number of our cities.

We have also been working closely with UK Tram and the sector in reducing the costs of tram systems for the future.

We have carefully considered recommendations from various reports.

These include the **2010 All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group Report**

on progress in developing modern trams within the UK, and how barriers

to the development of further tram schemes could be tackled.

We want this Call for Evidence to act as a trigger, as a stimulus for new ideas, and as a means to gather input from a wide range of stakeholders, including those overseas, on the scale of the opportunity for light rail.

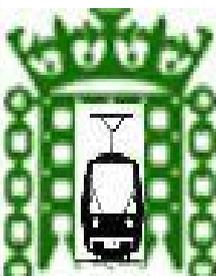
This will form an important part of our work on the Future of Mobility Grand Challenge established in the Industrial Strategy and on “smart places”, which is considering the use, value and deployment of emerging transport technologies and services

Trams, a catalyst for Jobs & Growth and the almost complete solution to Urban Pollution

Proposed Speakers

**LRTA/TramForward Chairman Paul Rowen Confirmed
Applrg Member Steve Metcalfe MP KenEx Tram tbc ?
Applrg Member Paul Maynard MP, Blackpool Tram tbc?
(Cllr Elect), Mr Mark Shelford tbc
Cllr Roger Jones, Salford tbc
Light Rail (UK) Warrington Tram tbc**

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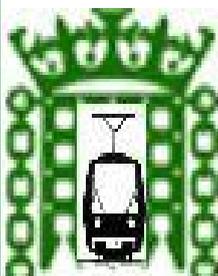
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Call for Evidence Questions

- Q1 What is the potential scale of the opportunity for further light rail (or other rapid transit) systems to be introduced in England?
- Q2 Is there an appetite for new systems to be introduced in our cities and towns?
- Q3 Is there evidence to support this appetite?
- Q4 What would the environmental, economic and congestion benefits be?
- Q5 What impact would it have on jobs?
- Q6 Does light rail open up new housing or business developments or improve the urban fabric of the area?
- Q7 What can we learn from the experience of other countries in adopting new systems?
- Q8 What issues have helped progress light rail schemes or acted as barriers to their development?
- Q9 What and where are the future opportunities here in England for new light rail systems or alternatives?
- Q10 What are the key issues that are preventing light rail schemes from being delivered?
- Q11 How can we deliver systems within a budget as has happened?
- Q12 What are the key lessons from Europe in progressing light rail and in what way are these different to the U.K.?
- Q13 What does the future of light rail look like with new generation transport schemes coming forward?
- Q14 How do you see light rail aligning with new initiatives such as autonomous vehicles; cycling and walking; and wider Mobility As A Service initiatives?
- Q15 How can promoters leverage funding from sources beyond central Government?

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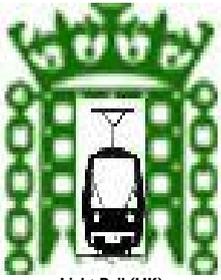
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Other Rapid Transit System Alternatives

Q16 Is there an appetite for considering Very/Ultra-light rail or Personal Rapid Transit as an alternative transport solution to light rail?

Q17 What are the estimated costs of delivering such systems and the wider benefits on offer? Please provide evidence.

Q18 Should such a system be a concept that is promoted?

Q19 How would this system provide a positive contribution to the economic productivity and development of a city or town?
Please provide evidence.

Q20 What are the barriers for developing such systems, particularly those with elevated sections?
For example, public acceptance, or environmental sensitivities?

It would be ideal for you to answer the above questions as a power point highlighting your proposals especially where the questions don't ask the right questions in detail such as Air Quality, CLAZ compliance, Regeneration etc.,

Please feel free to use data on our website www.applrguk.co.uk if required

The proceedings will be minuted and included with the APPLRG consultation to show that there is evidence of demand and that some of the projects are not far off being almost shovel ready, an important factor in the days to come.

Your consultation should be sent independently to Steve Berry at the DfT before the 19th of May 2019

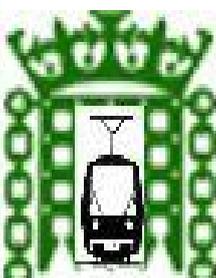
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Yours aye

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