



Light Rail (UK) Group

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Mission Statement

Introduction to Light Rail UK Ltd

This is a new, repurposed, and updated version of the former All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group which Light Rail (UK) Ltd held and funded the Secretariat from its inauguration in 2005 until May 2021 and handed over the Secretariat to Downtown in Business, Mr Simon Danzcuk, former Labour MP for Rochdale to take the APPLRG on a different path from that successful model before.

James Harkins FCILT, MTPS has been retained as a Technical Advisor to the APPLRG.

We will as part of our policy be supportive of all Parliamentary Groups within the UK in our fight for the nation to share the wide range of benefits of this mode in all its variants.

The contents of the previous APPLRG (2006 - 2020) has been gifted to the archive section of the National Tramway Museum Society as a record of this time of tram and light rail history for the benefit of those who follow who will without doubt judge on our success or failure especially with regards to Climate Change.

Light Rail UK Ltd was established in 2005 as campaigning organisation to support sustainable Public Transport, predominately steel on steel street running technologies and fills the gap between Government and Industry funded organisations. A grouping consortium of experts who give "Pro Bono" freely of their time and expertise for the greater good and for those who follow.

Today, Light Rail UK Ltd operates as an independent, not-for-profit consultancy specialising in the delivery of green projects, supporting innovation and market development, focused on low cost Light Rail, Trams, VLR/ULR (3rd Generation Tramways) and associated energy infrastructure.

We highly value our independence as it allows us to provide impartial advice and helps us build trust with our colleagues, friends, and customers.

Being a not-for-profit, Light Rail UK Ltd isn't driven by doing the work which pays the most or builds our order book, but by what is right for our clients and for the industry.

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This is reflected in everything we do, from the work we do and the advice we give, even to the prices we charge. Our major concern is the green wash be pedalled by so called including Government experts who claim that rubber wheeled vehicles are zero emission, **they are not** as long as their tyres/road surface interface are producing pm 10pm & 2.5pm and fine black carbon soot particulates plus many heavy metal particles

Light Rail UK Group will hold regular sessions in order to provide a holistic package of policy proposals that will drive forward best practice including supportive modes, leading to affordable light rail & tramways with resultant physical and economic regeneration, carbon reduction, improved air quality, congestion relief, affordable and sustainable transport. to the benefit of the UK and its' citizens.

Technical support is provided by James Harkins FCILT MTPS, Light Rail (UK) Ltd, Associates and Partners and various supporting organisations and individuals.

Light Rail (UK) Ltd and partners provides low cost, high quality, affordable consultancy to Government and Local Authorities to enhance their growing awareness of the advantages of Light Rail and Tram systems especially for small cities, towns, and conurbations.

Our TramTracker 2 contains 80+ cities and towns that would be able to support and sustain a modern tram system (Password access only) and is available for a feasibility study etc.,

Finally, our aim is to be trusted advisors with expert knowledge – the ‘go-to’ source of help and support for public and private sector organisations. We want to be people you can trust to help where and when it is most needed as our customers progress along their journey to a zero carbon future.

Yours aye

James Harkins FCILT MTPS
Chairman
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