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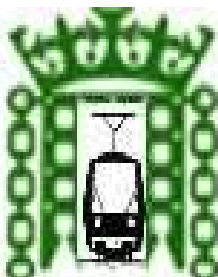
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## Highlights of the Story, Achievements and Ambitions so far: - Dec 2019

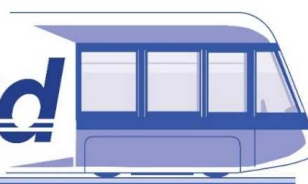
1. To develop Clean Air policies in Law, Oslo Effect (2005) and Defra Non-Exhaust Emissions (NEE), the latter still to be included in National, Local Air Quality Totals.
2. To ensure that the Defra NEE figures are included in all National Carbon Figures giving an accurate figure in the fight for achieving National and Local targets
3. To promote low cost tramways and light rail installations
4. To promote trams as the major urban sustainable transport tool in the Climate Emergency box including awareness of high toxicity of road, tyre, brake and swirl dust dangers and misrepresentations, proven high modal switch from rubber wheeled polluting vehicles
5. To promote trams as a significant catalyst for regeneration, growth, congestion busting and connectivity.
6. To promote trams as a low-cost alternative to heavy rail where appropriate such as South Wales
7. Introduce TramTrain – Sheffield, North and South Wales, Greater Manchester and others
8. Encourage new tramway technology including Catenary free, Midland Metro, hybrid battery propulsion and other non-fossil fuels such as Hydrogen trams in service in Doha Qatar. See videos on [www.applrguk.co.uk](http://www.applrguk.co.uk)
9. Fund a working visit to Doha to inspect the working Hydrogen Trams and installation
10. Support WMG Catapult technology such as that proposed for Coventry City
11. Establish a National Tram project, based on the Tram tracker Project with at least 3 start ups per annum to retain core expertise and build a UK based tram and consultancy industry
12. Established a Tram tracker Project list (86 so far) of Smaller Cities, Towns and Corridors – Tram Tracker Project agreed with Minister Jesse Norman, already done on webpage [www.applrguk.co.uk](http://www.applrguk.co.uk)
13. Source Funding for the Tram tracker Project which is not yet in place as Minister has moved on to enable a pre-feasibility study and a light Web Tag/Stag assessment.
14. Maintain a Web Site based reporting facility and reference/archive source.
15. Establish/work with a one stop Tram information source, Norman Baker's – UKTram.
16. Presentations in the House of Commons, 4 meetings per annum, + Parliamentary Tea with current Minister. Attend and Present at Party Conferences, subject to cash flow.
17. Promote Line 2 Broxtowe Nottingham, replacement vehicles, rails and various infrastructures in Blackpool, Manchester, Croydon and Midland Metro.

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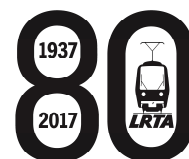
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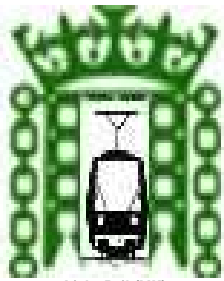
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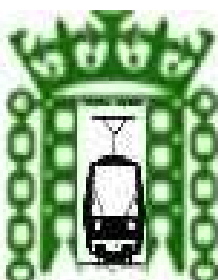
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18. Visited Kassel TramTrain, Alicante TramTrain, met President How, Taiwan and his Minister of Transport and advise them that the new southern tramway should be built at grade and not on stilts which has subsequently built at grade (street level and reporting a significant retail growth). Further trips are in hand subject to funding
19. Contributed to the re-alignment of the TramTrain Trials from Penistone to Barnsley line to Sheffield -Rotherham, funding for 7 Stadler TramTrain vehicles and equipment, commenced running February 2019.
20. To advise both Houses and if need be, source studies, last one "Economic Impact of Trams and Light Rail" in conjunction with UKTram by Professor Knowles, Salford University
21. To establish "Carbon Credits/Offsets" for Trams based on the modal switch
22. To change the thinking that trams are expensive and unaffordable to the automatic tool for urban climate change
23. Find a major funding sponsor from industry

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