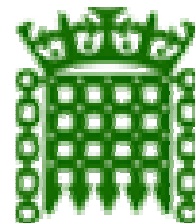




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John Leech entered Parliament at the first attempt in 2005 when he was elected to represent Manchester Withington constituency, defeating the previous Labour incumbent with a swing of over 17%.

As well as being the only Liberal Democrat member of the Transport Select Committee, on which he has served since his election, John has been the party's Shadow Transport Spokesperson since 2006.



Prior to becoming an MP, John worked for both McDonalds as a trainee manager and the RAC and served for ten years as a member of Manchester City Council where he was Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrat group and Group Spokesperson on Planning and the Environment. Alongside transport, planning remains one of John's primary areas of interest.

John has been campaigning for improved cancer services in south Manchester in his capacity as a 'parliamentary champion' of the UK Lung Cancer Coalition, and as road safety charity Brake's 'Parliamentarian of the Year for Road Safety', he has been leading calls for the default speed limit to be reduced from 30mph to 20mph.

Biography:

An active member of the All Party Parliamentary Light Rail Group

Locally, he has been particularly vocal in his opposition to the closure of local post offices and the fight to improve residents' access to allotments.

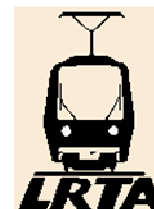
A keen sportsman, John is a member of the Parliamentary football team and a lifelong Manchester City supporter, as well as being an amateur dramatics enthusiast.

This meeting by invitation only, where MPs, Stakeholders etc., within the Light Rail industry and invited members of the Public will have a chance to discuss debate and raise questions concerning Light Rail.

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