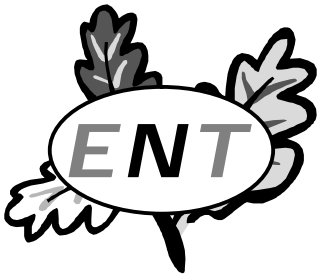


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# Environment Not Trams Newsletter

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## What is ENT about?

We have been formed for over 16 months now – remember that leaflet drop from NET in July 2001. A lot has gone on since then – we are still actively opposing the Clifton via Wilford tram route.

So what are we about?

- ✍ ENT is opposed to the destruction of a local haven for wildlife.
- ✍ ENT supports public transport development and the development of systems to ease freedom of movement.
- ✍ ENT is not anti tram. It supports tram systems where they can be sympathetically installed, do not devastate the environment and where they can fairly be shown to be cost effective.

## Thanks everyone!

We were able to hand over two great packs of signed letters to the Department for Transport.

Residents objecting to the Clifton via Wilford route on both environmental and economic grounds have signed hundreds of letters, in addition to those sent directly.

We have heard from the Department for Transport that

they have been overwhelmed by the number of letters received and because of the volume will not be able to respond individually.

In their response to the ENT chair the Department said “Ministers are aware of your group’s concerns and we have taken note of them and they will be taken into account in the assessment process once the promoters submit their final appraisal documents.”

So the clear demonstration of wide support that you have helped us provide has hit home - this is a serious issue.

## Help please!

The ENT group is voluntary and entirely made up of folks with full time commitments. We would greatly appreciate assistance from people who could spare a few hours in the day to undertake some activities to help our case. If you can help, please give Gordon Wheeler a call on 945 5701

## The NET opinion poll

Did you see the recent article in the Evening Post reporting on the findings of an NOP opinion poll commissioned by NET?

Convinced?

Did NOP question anybody around here; we’d like to know?

The ENT team now have the full NOP report and will be bringing you some interesting details from it shortly.

In the meantime consider this:

Out of 2,058 people questioned about the possible route to Clifton, only 990 approved. We make that only 48% approved i.e. less than half and certainly not a majority, significant or otherwise.

This little lot of research cost £20,000 and was considered a ‘gamble’.

What would have been the answer if those questioned knew how much it is going to cost? It has recently been confirmed that 25% of the capital cost to fund further tram line extensions will have to be met by Nottingham City and County Councils. It is the Council Tax payers in all of Nottinghamshire that will have to pay. Yet the NOP poll was very silent on this issue. What would the response have been if those questioned were made aware of the hidden cost of tram line extensions?

### Netballs

“I think that to do a special poll was a brave step to take”

How brave to you need to be to spend £20,000 of other people’s money?

**Wishing you all a good New Year**