



# Environment Not Trams Newsletter

## July 2002

- Midland Mainline Station will blow a hole in tram passenger figures
- No passenger demand in our area
- All lines lead to the City
- Please keep writing
- Forthcoming events

The recent NET report to the Councils does not consider alternative methods of improving public transport which can achieve the same results at lower cost.

This NET report ignores the proposed Midland Mainline Parkway Station at Ratcliffe on Soar, only months away from being agreed with the owners of the land. This alone could take a *third* of the passengers from the Clifton tram route, blowing away the economic case.

In addition the NET report ignores the fact that only one person in around 5% of the households in this area would use the tram to commute into Nottingham.

The NET proposals fail to understand that most of us need to travel for work and for leisure to places outside of the city centre. After all we have out of town retail parks and business parks.

## THE NET WANT THE TRAM TO COME THROUGH COMPTON ACRES AND WILFORD .... BUT

NET's data says that only 15 people in Compton Acres want the tram and many hundreds do not. Yet they still want to choose this route.

The NET message is clear - Public Opinion counts for nothing when it does not give the answer they want.

The NET proposal is that cheapest is best and wildlife can be disregarded. All they think they need to do is put up some screening for the residents alongside the proposed route.

Well it's this blatant disregard for these issues by NET that keeps us going and keeps us campaigning. We thank you for your financial support. Your contributions are needed now more than ever before to contest the NET railroad.

We urge you all - pro tram - or not worried either way, to join us and question the logic and the justification of the Clifton via Wilford route. We need your support and energy to write into NET and your Councillors questioning the facts behind the NET's proposals.

We need more residents to take part in the ENT Group

activities to contest the heavily funded (by Council Tax payers!) NET spin and gloss machine. Or are you happy for NET to write to you in six month's time to tell you what *they* have decided is best for you?

Thank-you for your marvellous support.

Over the coming weeks, we have meetings arranged with Kenneth Clarke MP and with Neil Bates, NET Director. We'll keep you posted on the outcome

### Netballs

'The tram is as quiet as a milk float'

(The tram is 100 feet long and weighs 50 tonnes – do Express Dairies have any like that on their fleet?)