

## **THEY THINK IT'S ALL OVER WELL IT'S NOT!!!!!!!**

**Some of you will have received *NET's* letter telling us that the Council's have given the go ahead for design works – not surprisingly that's incorrect.**

Our County Councillors are **not happy** with *NET's* proposals. A resolution, proposed by Labour's Terry Butler, requires *NET* to provide greater justification of the costs, patronage and environmental impact predictions in early 2003 before they can proceed to the next stage, which is applying for a Transport and Works Act Order.

In the run up to the County Council meeting ENT lobbied County Councillors questioning the NET report on environmental platform and on costs (see our website). In particular we could not understand *NET's* claim that the Clifton via Wilford route would attract 3.9 million passengers a year, with about 1.3 million a year coming from Compton Acres and Wilford. This would require every tram on average throughout the day and at weekends to carry **over 100** passengers, with **30** of these folk coming from our neighbourhood – now that takes some imagining doesn't it?

Our thanks must go to our local Councillor, Martin Brandon-Bravo who has continued to support our objection to the Clifton via Wilford route within the County Council. Clearly he, like others, is concerned about the **£200 million** costs of the scheme and the likely cost to residents. We heard at the City meeting that if external funding couldn't be obtained, then Council Tax could rise by **£45** for a Band D property – and everybody's going to have to pay.

The City Council voted for the Clifton via Wilford route without a full meeting taking place, four Councillors **supported** the proposal, one against and two abstained.

**Many many** thanks to all of those who have responded to our recent fund raising campaign. However the money raised so far has **all** been spoken for on two counts:

- We have commissioned an environmental audit of Iremonger pond and the Nature Trail in order to provide evidence of the environmental damage that the tram route will create.
- We will also be undertaking more noise surveys in the area to obtain factual information for our continued campaign.

So many thanks once again but we have a continuing need for financial support. So the Treasurer needs to see those envelopes coming in, please, otherwise we cannot do any more, cheques payable to "E.N.T." - **Thank-you!**