



Environment Not Trams Newsletter

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Tremendous support from Kenneth Clarke

- Stop me and sign one -

Letters everywhere!

Another great display of public opposition of the CW route was demonstrated at Compton Acres shops on Saturday 5th October.

Thank you for your tremendous support, we collected hundreds of addressed and signed letters objecting to the CW route in just one and a half hours.

Apologies to folk for clogging up the pavement for a while, but quite honestly we were surprised how many people came out to support the event.

Many thanks also to Rushcliffe MP Kenneth Clarke for devoting at least an hour to the event, and engaging in debate with the press and media.

Yes, we made Central News twice on the Saturday, with articles in the Evening Post on the Monday and Tuesday.

This event showed that people in the neighbourhood, not just those abutting the embankment, remain unconvinced that this tram route can be justified and are, quite frankly, appalled by the approach being taken by NET.

But we want more!

We understand that many of you could not make it to our letter signing event last Saturday so attached to this newsletter is a copy of the very same letter to

Alistair Darling, Secretary of State for Transport. We would

appreciate it if you could fill in the blank lines with your address and sign it.

We will be arranging for a mass handover of these letters so, unless you would prefer to post your signed letter individually, it would be great if you hand your letters in to a local street representative – details below.

Mass Hand in Of Letters to Alistair Darling

Please return your addressed and signed letters to our contacts by the 24th October.

Nigel Morley, 3 Coronation Ave.
Di & Brian Torr, 11 Barnfield
S Cowper, 56 St Austell Drive.
J Hedger, 239 Ruddington Lane
Gordon Court, 24 Ascott Gdns
K Haspey, 26, Cranberry Close.
Gordon Wheeler, 29 Lyme Park
M Hodgson, 27 Mulberry Close.
Andy Walpole, 9 Heathervale

Orange Leaflets

Many of you will have received a leaflet through the door promoting a residents group in support of the CW route.

One thing is clear. That is that 'they' and ENT agree that the majority of patronage for the CW route will come from the Clifton Park and Ride scheme.

However the NET's economic case is based on one third of the patronage coming from this

area, with a further third from the Clifton area.

We don't believe the tram will attract this level of local patronage and therefore will fail economically.

Our pro CW friends however have a short memory. Much of the embankment around Compton Acres was specifically planted out. To call the embankment derelict is simply untrue. Remember this land is one reason why major environment groups are opposed to the CW route.

It is not clear how many local residents are behind the pro CW group, but it is interesting to note that the Ruddington Lane based 'Chair' has set this group up only recently - since NET have tried to dismiss the alternative CW route options. So we wonder what is the real motivation behind this group.

Let's not forget the main objective is a tram route between the City and Clifton. Lets both support a route that people will use, not the lowest capital cost – highest environmental cost route

Tram Truths

Tramlines - Autumn 2002:

"A case is now being prepared to present to the councils for final approval"

Done and dusted? I don't think so.