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Mass Action - Update

The mass action planned for Sunday has been postponed. This is because the date for the NET submission on the choice of routes has been delayed (See NET Meeting). The Committee feels that we should show our protest close to the submission date so I will keep you posted as plans progress.

I have two requests for assistance. Firstly, we would like to get an aerial photo of our mass action so does anyone have any contacts who could help us? Secondly, would 'Alan' who phoned to offer help with the mass action please call again as I have lost his email address.

Meeting With Ken Clarke - Feedback

A group of four people from the Committee (all residents from Rushcliffe) had a meeting with Ken Clarke on Saturday 14th September. Our objections to the CW route were

explained and videos of the Public Meeting were left with him.

A letter of thanks has been sent to him and includes the following paragraph: 'We understand that this matter is currently subject to local planning decisions and that it is not in your gift to become directly involved at this stage. However, we are extremely grateful of your support and the offer to engage local councillors in this issue. As time is not on our side at this stage, we would welcome your further thoughts from your depth of knowledge and experience, on how we may advance our case to stand a chance of success.'

An offer to Ken Clarke to attend any of our regular Committee meetings has been extended.

Liason with Beeston

At the Committee meeting on Tuesday 25th Sept several members of the Committee opposing the Beeston North route kindly visited us to share their experiences. In a general sense we have very similar objectives in that we are each opposing a route that causes significant impact on local amenities when an alternative route exists.

Further exchange of information and co-operation between the Committees is planned.

NET Meeting

A meeting was held on Wednesday 26th September between representatives of NET (Neil Bates, Pat Armstrong and Stephen Barker) and a group of Committee members representing Ruddington Lane, St Austel Drive, Wilford Village and Compton Acres.

The object of the meeting was to gather as much new information on studies (environmental, engineering and viability) conducted by the NET on the CW, and CQD routes.

The key points that came out of the meeting were:

- ✍ The environmental, engineering and viability reports will not be due until late in Oct.
- ✍ These reports and the NET recommendations will be passed to the City Council and County Council on the 22nd Oct.
- ✍ Copies of these reports will also be available to the Committee on this date.
- ✍ A decision by the City Council and County Council on the choice of routes will be on the 29th Oct.
- ✍ The NET have invited the Committee to submit a report on our objections to CW route by the 22nd for inclusion in the information handed to the Councils.
- ✍ Mr Bates confirmed that the decision to select tram route options from this point onwards would not be done with one route in isolation from another and any shared benefits from joint alignments would be assessed.

It was agreed by Committee that a report on our objections would be prepared and submitted.

Appeals:

We currently require local representatives in Silverdale and Acornbank. Anyone in those areas who is willing to attend Committee Meetings and communicate with their area would be most welcome. If you feel that your area is not being represented then please come to a Committee Meeting on Tuesday night 8.00pm at the Civil Service Club on Wilford Lane.

Contacts:

Web site:

<http://communities.msn.co.uk/StoptheTram>