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## Public Meeting

The Public Meeting at the Becket School on Tuesday 11th Sept was an outstanding success in spite of the horrific events of the day. An estimated 450 local people attended and there were representatives from NET, City Council, County Council, Rushcliffe Council, Nottingham Wildlife Trust and Alan Simpson appeared in person.

From discussions after the meeting it appears that most of the officials were surprised by the size of the meeting and the depth of feeling. Alan Simpson was, however, unmoved and still believes CW is the 'best' route.

This was a great start and we can all be proud of our solidarity but it is only a start. We must follow this up with continued pressure. If you were at the meeting you know you are part of a very strong movement and your continued support is essential. If you were unable to attend the meeting,

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please, make your voice heard. I don't know if we can win but we have a much better chance if we stand together.

If you have already written to the NET, your Council and your MP then follow up the reply with another letter. If you haven't written, then please do. This is the one thing that will really count.

(An apology to those who could not get into the hall. Unfortunately, we could not get the outside PA set up. Thank you for your patience, it was very much appreciated)

## Meeting With Ken Clarke

A delegation from residents in Rushcliffe will be meeting Ken Clarke this weekend. They will present him with the video that was shown at the public meeting and a video of the meeting. The main points of our objection to the CW route will also be presented.

## Market Square Next Week

The NET will be displaying a model tram in the Market Square all next week from 12 noon on Monday. Your Committee feels that a public demonstration in the square by us could be interpreted as 'anti-tram' rather than a balanced argument for the CQD route over the CW route. There will be NET people manning the display to answer questions and gauge public sentiment. We feel that this is great opportunity for individuals to present their objections personally. Consequently, we are asking everyone to, please, get into the Market Square next week and voice your objection to the CW route.

Our basic objections are:

### Environmental

- ✗ Destruction of a valuable wildlife area
- ✗ Infringement of an SSI
- ✗ Destruction of the personal environment of hundreds of families

### Economic

- ✗ Does not service any local industry
- ✗ Does not allow integration into a broader network of trams.

The CQD route has none of these disadvantages and passes through the heart of the industrial area.

## Mass Action

At the meeting on Tuesday the full size of the opposition to the CW route could not be fully appreciated. A large number of people could not get into the hall and consequently, were not 'seen' by the officials. Also, because of the tragic events of that day, we feel that some people would have been unable to attend. We believe it is very important to show to the NET and the various Councils just how big the opposition is to the CW route. We are planning an open air event on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> September. The exact format and location of the event are still being worked out but it will be short and sweet (and, hopefully, a lot of fun too).

Full details will be sent to you ASAP.

If its raining bring your brolly, if its snowing bring your skis, if its sunny bring a hat but most importantly, whatever the weather, bring your family, bring your neighbours, bring your friends - just BE THERE.