

PROPOSAL FOR THE EXTENSION OF THE TRAM ROUTE SUBMISSION

Submissions close on 21 April 2008

I do NOT wish to present my submission at the hearing, and ask that this submission be considered.

Are you completing this submission:

For yourself

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Your Submission:

Dear members of council

I wish to share my view on the tram extension, express a few concerns and put up some ideas that may be more of a Win Win for the rate payers.

1 What advantages will the extension bring to the rate payers?
I believe not many in practical terms.

2 Who will mainly profit from the tram extension paid by rate payers?
local retail, especially those close to stops and mainly in Cashel Mall. I would expect these retailers to pay for to some extent for the development.

3 What are likely issues to be?
Manchester/Lichfield intersection will need to be redesigned (congestion in Manchester Street) and IDEALLY by ensuring a safe and quick pedestrian link to the lower High Street precinct - hence a Win Win needs to be achieved if the extension was going ahead. The existing link across Lichfield-Manchester-High Street is motor vehicle orientated and not pedestrian friendly. I applaud Dave Hinman at this stage for all the effort put in the High Street, Popular Lane Precinct and strongly believe that the intersection needs to become pedestrian friendly with signs for tourists to enable them to adventure to these areas.

4 How can the concept be improved?
In association with the Rugby World Cup, it may be easy to spend rate payer \$ on infrastructure. I am a tram and Light Rail supporter and would like to see our tram being integrated into the city commuter transport system. Why keeping it just for tourist purposes if we may be able to attach a few more purposes. It is possible, just let's do it!

4.1 Run it through High Street, via Polytech and Jade Stadion, Moorhouse avenue..... I do not wish to discuss the final route, as Dr Kissling, Dr Pryor and I have looked at various scenarios in the past.

Win Win for transporting people to rugby games, concerts etc

4.2 You may wish to add a park & ride system around Waltham bridge for commuters who wish to bring in their car to the city but not into the city. Some people do not wish to cycle or wait for the bus (poor frequency from many suburbs) but happy to do change modes if convenient and fun. They could hop on the tram.

4.3 You may thus combine the shuttle bus with the tram system

4.4 Why not looking at a tram system through Worcester Street to Nw Brighton? This route could be a slow road with a focus on safe cycling with only residential 30km/h speed allowed. just some more food for thought.

Thank you for considering my quick comments.