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Mayor Claire Ward
East Midlands Combined Authority

Open Letter: Now is the time, let's extend Nottinghamshire's Tram Network

Dear Mayor Ward,

In May 2024 our County and City gained a huge asset in the election of a Labour Mayor for the East Midlands.

As Labour MPs representing communities across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, we are writing to you today alongside the GMB trade union, to urge the East Midlands Combined County Authority to champion the extension of our tram network.

The Nottinghamshire tram system is one of the East Midlands' greatest transport success stories.

Since its opening over twenty years ago, it has transformed connectivity, reduced congestion, supported local economic growth, and provided a reliable and sustainable transport for millions of residents, workers, students, and visitors each year.

We believe tram extension proposals should form a central part of the East Midlands' long-term transport and infrastructure strategy, particularly in areas where improved public transport connectivity could unlock housing, employment, regeneration, and access to opportunity.

Investment in tram expansion would deliver big benefits across the East Midlands;

- Supporting high-quality unionised jobs in transport, construction, engineering, and maintenance.
- Creating jobs in the wider supply chain, including for regional rolling stock manufacturers.
- Increasing access to employment, education, healthcare, and leisure.
- Encouraging inward investment and regional growth.

- Helping the East Midlands meet its climate and net zero commitments.

As representatives of constituencies in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, we also recognise the importance of ensuring that future transport investment creates secure, skilled, and fairly paid employment opportunities.

GMB members working across transport and public services understand first-hand the importance of investing in modern infrastructure that serves both workers and passengers.

Extending the Nottinghamshire tram network would represent a bold and practical investment in our region's economy, environment, and people.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Allen

Regional Secretary, GMB Midlands

On behalf of GMB Nottingham tram workers

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