



WITH THE TIF BIFFED 4-1! THE CfPT INVITE YOU TO JOIN THE DEBATE ON THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN GREATER MANCHESTER!

Despite the crushing defeat of the AGMA led 'Yes' Campaign in the recent TIF Referendum (which shamelessly squandered £millions of public money) and arguments to the contrary put about by them regarding the effect a 'No' vote would have, the debate on the future of public transport in Greater Manchester does indeed go on!

Moreover, despite also announcing that there was no alternative to the congestion charge and no 'Plan B', AGMA have already discussed (and rejected - without any reference to us!) a report interpreted by many, as advocating an increase in business rates and/or council taxes and a levy on company car parking spaces (i.e. some form of local funding contribution) as a means of helping to unlock the £2.8billion previously promised by the Government for transport infrastructure improvements.

That said, with the AGMA line of march for public transport in our area now self-evidently 'dead in the water', we appeal to those individuals, organisations and groups, who, like us, want to tackle the growing problem of traffic congestion, worsening air pollution and growing CO₂ emissions and who want to see improvements in public transport to the benefit of all its users, to take part, alongside us, ***in a debate to help develop a new, better, popularly endorsed, strategy for public transport throughout Greater Manchester*** **SEE YOU THERE!**

Open Public Transport Forum

Thursday 26th March, 7.30pm

Mechanics Institute, Princess Street, Manchester

Speakers invited: **Graham Stringer** MP (confirmed), Cllr **Liz Phelan** (of the Yes Campaign), also from **Clean Air Now**, the **Youth Parliament**, **Conservative Party**, **Liberal-Democrats**, **Green Party**, **Community Action Party**, **Respect**, **Campaign for Better Transport** & others.

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