

urbanrenewal - Newcastle Renewal - For attention of Manager, Centres and Urban Renewal

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Dear Sir/Madam,

This is a very simple but heartfelt submission regarding the Newcastle urban renewal plan, and in particular the proposal to remove rail access to the centre of the city.

I ask you to imagine a vibrant city centre in a location hemmed in by water and steep hills. If the only means of access is via road transport, such a city might consider a very large investment in other means of transport to ease congestion and remove a constraint on growth. Nice in France is just such a city, making continuing investments in light rail (complementing existing heavy rail links) to maintain the viability and attractiveness of a city centre with difficult road access.

A really lucky city might already have such infrastructure in place - as Newcastle does today.

A really unlucky city may have had such infrastructure in the past, but seen it sacrificed on the altar of short term gains.

Please please please keep Newcastle's lucky situation - future generations will thank you for it.

Yours faithfully
Don Robertson