

**urbanrenewal - Submission on Newcastle Urban Renewal Plan**

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Dear Planners,

It is well known that the most efficient and environmentally friendly method of public transport is rail.

With the predicted increase in numbers of people living and working in the East end of Newcastle, particularly with the relocation of the University, it is essential that the rail remain in place. The number of buses required to provide for the needs of all these people will clog the area, cost the earth and pollute the atmosphere.

Please note that The World Health Organisation has now upgraded diesel fumes to a Class One carcinogen

The huge cost of removing the rail is money that could be much better used elsewhere, perhaps on overpasses or underpasses to replace rail crossings.

Rail has the capacity to easily deal with large loads, the elderly and the disabled far beyond that of any other form of public transport.

The location for the interchange at Wickham is inappropriate for an area already dealing with large volumes of vehicular traffic.

It is madness to have to transfer to a bus to get to the East end when the rail already goes there.

Provision for bicycle lanes in the plan is good, but beyond all, the plan must include the retention of the Rail line to Newcastle station.

Please consider these points.

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