

The Editor  
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Dear Sir,

### **Tories and the Tram**

Although the extension of the Nottingham tram is a local issue for the politicians, such major infrastructure projects have to be agreed by our national government too. So trams can give a clue to policy at the very top and not just locally.

Following the announcement by Councillor Kay Cutts that the Tories would ditch the tram extension if they come to power, on 7<sup>th</sup> May Nottinghamshire Better Transport contacted Theresa Villiers (Shadow Secretary of State for Transport) for comment, as this local decision seems to be contrary to the new 'green' agenda endorsed by David Cameron.

24 days on there is a not a word of reply. As this is such an important subject, Better Transport takes this silence to be an endorsement of the local Conservatives. So there we have it – the caring, environmentally aware image promoted by Mr Cameron is nothing but hot air.

Yours faithfully,

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