

HARROW COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2 APRIL 2009

Amendment to Item 13 - Motion 6 'North West London Light Railway'

Proposer: Councillor Brian Gate

Seconder: Councillor Manji Kara

“This Council notes that the North West London Light Railway is a proposal for the construction of an orbital light railway system centered on the planned £5 billion Brent Cross/Cricklewood development with potential branches to Mill Hill East, Wembley Stadium, Park Royal, Ealing Broadway and Finchley Road via West Hampstead. It would largely make use of existing little used freight lines or abandoned railway tracks, and would both provide an attractive alternative to the estimated 29,000 extra vehicle movements likely to be generated by the expanded Brent Cross, and offer orbital light rail routes across the whole of North West London. This will benefit the residents of Harrow; for example, by improving access to public transport connections and decreasing traffic congestion.

This Council supports, in principle, the North West London Light Railway proposal. This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to Transport for London to ask whether it will provide funding for a feasibility study to examine this proposal. This Council is of the opinion, however, that in the event of Transport for London stating that no funding shall be forthcoming, no more public money should be directed towards this proposal.

This Council further instructs the Chief Executive to write to the two Harrow MPs, the Brent and Harrow Assembly Member and to 'London Councils' to inform them of this motion and to ask for their support.”