



Matt Brunt  
PTEG / APPLRG

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Dear Mr Brunt,

I am pleased to attach a joint submission to the APPLRG / PTEG inquiry into light rail from six organisations that are all involved in the 'ultra light rail' sector:

Go! Co-operative

Lightweight Community Transport

Parry People Movers

Pre Metro Operations

Sustraco

TDI International

Ultra light rail (ULR) is a relatively new concept, and describes forms of light rail that deliver exceptionally low environmental impacts, a passenger experience comparable to conventional rail, and infrastructure and running costs that are a fraction of high-volume light rail. It is highly scalable, meaning that 'feeder' lines to the national rail network, and local services, can be operated profitably in smaller settlements.

Our hope is that ULR can be put into practice quickly in the many locations in the UK that already have train lines, but no passenger services running on them. This would galvanise the sector, deliver substantial benefits to the communities involved and put UK industries in a strong position in a global market.

Yours,

Alex Lawrie  
CEO, Lightweight Community Transport