

# Metrolink to mediacity:uk Public consultation

Please provide your feedback by Monday 14 April 2008



**GMPTE wants your views**



# GMPTe is improving tram connections into the Quays by extending the Metrolink network into the new **mediacity:uk** development.

**mediacity:uk** will be the home for more than 15,000 people working for the media and creative industries, and will include the BBC's new northern headquarters. Construction work is already taking place on the site. As well as serving **mediacity:uk**, this new Metrolink extension will also improve access to The Lowry, residential areas and the Imperial War Museum.

The 360 metre extension will start at the Eccles line near the existing Harbour City stop and end at a new tram stop in **mediacity:uk**. This will replace the previous proposal to extend Metrolink to The Lowry. The new stop will be within a short walking distance of The Lowry.



## Next steps

The next step is to submit an application for a Transport and Works Act Order for the new **mediacity:uk** Metrolink extension and stop. If the application is successful, the Order will give us legal powers to run trams into **mediacity:uk**.

You can find out more about our plans by visiting exhibitions at the Lowry or at the GMPTe Online information centre at Piccadilly Gardens in Manchester city centre. Please see the back cover of this leaflet for times.

We will pull together all the comments we receive on the proposals and use them to develop our application. Everyone who provides feedback will be informed about the outcome of the consultation.

Salford City Council, Peel Media and the North West Development Agency have already agreed to provide funding for the **mediacity:uk** extension and we expect to open it in Summer 2010.

# Questions and answers

## Q: What kind of Metrolink service will operate to mediacity:uk?

A: Four new trams have been ordered to run between Cornbrook interchange and the **mediacity:uk** stop. These trams will allow us to double the frequency of services through the Quays to every six minutes at peak times. Services will run from 5am to midnight.

## Q: Will this mean it is noisier and will I feel any vibrations from the trams?

A: We do not expect there to be any significant increase in noise or vibrations as the additional services will run on new track next to existing roads and will terminate away from residential areas.

## Q: What is happening to the proposals for a Metrolink stop outside The Lowry?

A: The proposed Metrolink extension to The Lowry was planned before **mediacity:uk** had been envisaged. The Lowry will be within easy walking distance of the new **mediacity:uk** Metrolink stop. It will also benefit from new and improved bus services to **mediacity:uk**. A Transport Assessment for **mediacity:uk** has already been prepared and agreed. It identifies measures to resolve traffic issues.

## Q: Why are you carrying out a consultation?

A: Salford City Council and Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council have already consulted on planning guidance for **mediacity:uk** and on the construction of the Metrolink extension and stop. This consultation will allow us to develop our proposals for an application for a Transport and Works Act Order. If the application is successful, it will provide us with the necessary legal powers to run trams on the **mediacity:uk** extension. Feedback is important as it lets us know if there are any concerns or suggestions we need to consider.

## Q: Will you need to buy any more land using compulsory purchase orders?

A: No. However, guidelines concerning compensation are available from GMPTÉ's consultation staff at the exhibitions or by phoning GMPTÉ's consultation line on 0161 244 1111.

## Q: What will the new mediacity:uk stop look like?

A: The stop will blend in with the high quality design of the **mediacity:uk** development. It will be accessible for people with wheelchairs or prams and will include a passenger shelter with travel information and ticket vending machines.

# GMPTÉ wants your views

**We want to hear from you if you have any comments, suggestions or concerns about our plans.**

Please fill out this form or go to [www.gmpte.com/haveyoursay](http://www.gmpte.com/haveyoursay)

**Metrolink to mediacity:uk.**

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## Your views

We will be responding to all comments we receive. Please provide:

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