

The Need for the Scheme Martin Farrington (LCC, Director of City Development)

NGT and Overall Transport Strategy David Haskins (Metro, NGT Project Director)

Day 1, 29.04.14

Opening Session

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-1-april-29-2014-opening-session/>

This mostly covers the procedure for the coming weeks and doesn't get onto the evidence or cases, but is essential to really understand how all this will work. The Public Inspector is Mr Martin Whitehead who directs the proceedings which were held at the Regus office building on Wellington Place in the city centre.

Late Morning Session

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Starting with a few preliminary matters raised by Chris Foren, the Chair of the A660 Joint Council, concerning the disclosure of the feedback from the Public Consultation events of 2012/3 we then move on to the first statement of case from NGT Metro Counsel, Mr Neil Cameron which takes up most of this midday session.

Afternoon Session

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Most of this session is taken up with cross examination of a witness for the applicants, Mr Martin Farrington who is a senior development officer with Leeds City Council.

Day 2, 30.04.14

First Session Wednesday 30.4.14

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-2-april-30-2014-first-morning-session/>

Mr Jones QC for First West Yorkshire cross examines Martin Farrington who is senior development officer for Leeds City Council and who was involved with the NGT planning proposal for LCC.

Late Morning Session

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-2-april-30-2014-late-morning-session/>

Mr Jones QC, for First West Yorkshire, continues his cross examination of Martin Farrington, development officer for Leeds City Council.

Early afternoon Wednesday 30.4.14

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Mr Jones QC continues to cross examine Martin Farrington, senior development officer for Leeds City Council.

Late afternoon

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The cross examination of Martin Farrington, senior development officer for Leeds City Council moves first to a short session from a private objector and then to the North West Leeds Transport Forum.

Day 3, 01.05.14

Early morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-2-may-1-2014-first-morning-session/>

Martin Farrington, Chief Development Officer for Leeds City Council continues to be cross-examined by both private objector Malcolm Bell and also Councillor Barry Anderson (C) of Adel, who raise many pertinent questions, many of which Mr Farrington seems unable to answer.

Late morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-2-may-1-2014-late-morning-session/>

Gregory Jones QC returns to cross examine Martin Farrington for Leeds College of Art, and is followed by private objector Nigel Sleeman who also cross examines Mr Farrington.

Early afternoon

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Chris Foren, Chair of the A660 Joint Council of community groups from along the A660 cross examines Martin Farrington.

Late afternoon

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-3-may-1-2014-late-afternoon-session/>

Chris Foren, Chair of the A660 Joint Council concludes his cross examination of Martin Farrington, Senior Development Officer for Leeds City Council and one of the foremost proponents of the NGT trolleybus scheme and is then followed by Neil Cameron QC for the Applicant who has a final chance with Mr Farrington in which he tries to straighten out the case after nearly two days of cross examination by hostile parties.

Day 4, 02.05.14

Early morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-4-may-2-2014-first-morning-session/>

Dave Haskins, Project Director of NGT, gives his statement and is then led through his evidence by Neil Cameron QC for the Applicant

Late morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-4-may-2-2014-late-morning-session/>

Neil Cameron QC continues and completes leading Dave Haskins, Project Director of NGT, through his evidence

Afternoon

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-4-may-2-2014-afternoon-session/>

Here Gregory Jones QC cross examines Dave Haskins, Project Director for NGT

Day 5, 07.05.14

Links to audio from all today's sessions where Gregory Jones QC continues to cross examine Dave Haskins, Project Director for NGT:

Early morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-5-may-7-2014-first-morning-session/>

Gregory Jones QC resumes his questioning of Dave Haskins, Project Director of NGT

Late morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-5-may-7-2014-late-morning-session/>

Gregory Jones QC continues his cross examination of Dave Haskins, focussing his examination particularly on comparisons with trolleybus systems in Europe.

Early Afternoon

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-5-may-7-2014-early-afternoon-session/>

Gregory Jones QC continues his cross examination of Dave Haskins, beginning to analyse the public consultation process which NGT engaged in.

Late Afternoon

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-5-may-7-2014-late-afternoon-session/>

Gregory Jones QC continues to question Dave Haskins on the consultations that were made by NGT in the lead up to the choice to go ahead with a trolleybus system and discovers that no direct consultations were made with First Bus concerning the route.

Day 6, 08.05.14

Early morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-6-may-8-2014-first-morning-session/>

Mr Haig, retired chartered engineer, and Chris Longley of the Federation of Small Businesses cross examine Dave Haskins, Project Director for NGT. A number of technical issues are covered.

Late morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-6-may-8-2014-late-morning-session/>

Cllr Barry Anderson (Con. Adel) and Dr John Dickinson of the North West Leeds Transport Forum cross examine Dave Haskins and cover a large number of local and technical issues.

Early Afternoon

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-6-may-8-2014-early-afternoon-session/>

Professor Emeritus of Transport Studies Peter Bonsall begins his questioning, focusing among other matters on issues such as the reduction in Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) which has fallen since it was first assessed some years ago, and the quality of the consultations which took place before decisions were made to go ahead with a trolleybus system.

Late Afternoon Session Part 1

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-6-may-8-2014-late-afternoon-session-part-1/>

Peter Bonsall continues to cross examines Dave Haskins. A main part of the questioning develops the major subject of the consultations, or lack of them.

Late Afternoon Session Part 2

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-6-may-8-2014-late-afternoon-session-part-2/>

Dawn Carey Jones, Secretary of the A660 Joint Council of Community Associations from along the A660, cross examines Dave Haskins. Again the matter of the consultations which took place in the planning stages comes under close scrutiny.

Day 7, 09.05.14

Links to audio from all today's sessions:

Early morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-7-may-9-2014-first-morning-session/>

Doug Kemp of West Park Residents' Association and Chris Foren, Chair of the A660 Joint Council cross examine Dave Haskins, Project Director for NGT. Subjects covered include consultation and cycling provision.

Late morning

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-7-may-9-2014-late-morning-session/>

Malcolm Bell, qualified mechanical engineer, cross examines Dave Haskins, covering a number of technical issues. After that Claire Randall asks Dave Haskins questions on the subject of the clarity and fairness of the visual graphic presentations given at public consultations. (Unfortunately a power supply issue means the last few minutes of the session aren't recorded).

Afternoon

<http://www.mixcloud.com/CosmicClaire/leeds-trolleybus-public-enquiry-day-7-may-9-2014-afternoon-session/>

Neil Cameron QC, for the Applicant, returns to examine Dave Haskins at the end of his long stand as witness, and takes the opportunity to pick up some rebuttals and loose ends left from the hostile examinations of the many objectors who have cross examined him.