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Issues

In order for us to analyse the results of this consultation we will need some further information about you and / or your organisation. This will be used to help us analyse responses, but will not be published.

Organisation Name (if applicable):

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What issue / issues would you like to be investigated by the Inquiry?*[300 words maximum]

What issue / issues would you like to be investigated by the Inquiry:

Evidence

Questions about you:In order for the evidence to be analysed and taken forward by the Inquiry we will need some further information about you and / or your organisation.Please note that all evidence submitted to the Inquiry may be published at any point during the Inquiry or when the Inquiry Report is issued. If you are responding as an organisation your full details will be published.If you are responding as an individual your name will be published, but your address will only be published if the Inquiry considers this to be relevant to the evidence submitted.

Organisation Name (if applicable):

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Are you responding as an organisation or an individual?

Individual

Does your evidence relate to a particular period of time?

Not Answered

If yes, what period?:

Does your evidence relate to a particular event or activity?

Not Answered

If yes, please explain what the event / activity was.:

We are particularly interested in:• How you found out about what was happening, and how informed you were throughout the project• What did you think would happen• What actually happened• What were the effects if any, on you (or your organisation) at the time of the project• What if any, were the on-going or longer-term effects on you (or your organisation). Please write your evidence here.

We are particularly interested in:

I am responding to your call for issues and evidence because I believe it is important that the inquiry should review the process by which projects such as the tram are appraised. The cost benefit analysis and STAG process, and the spurious 'risk assessment' is an integral part of the project mismanagement which repeatedly leads to gross overruns in major infrastructure projects. I hope the inquiry will be contacting Professor Bengt Flyvbjerg of Oxford University whose extensive studies of major project failures give considerable insight into these matters.

The attached paper is a transcript of a lecture I have given on a number of occasions, including in the Department of Communities and Local Government in London, an event which generated considerable hostility from the Department for Transport. I believe it provides some pointers to the issues the inquiry will need to raise. The inquiry is a unique opportunity to investigate what has become a self referential world of transport appraisal which is imposing costs on the community far wider than those imposed by the tram project.

Do you have any documents which you think it would be useful for the Inquiry to see?

Yes

Details of documents:

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Are you content for the Edinburgh Tram Inquiry team to contact you again in relation to this evidence?*

Not Answered