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## **Trains' Minister comes to Stourbridge to try out the Parry People Mover**

Trains' minister, Tom Harris came to Stourbridge Junction to see for himself the Parry People Mover put through its paces and to discuss issues around prospects for a permanent PPM link when the franchise is allocated later this year.

***Local MP Lynda Waltho said: I have long been a champion for the Parry People Mover and was really keen to get the Minister up to Stourbridge to see it for himself. I think he was really impressed with what he saw.***

***Light rail links such as this enables local transport solutions to be attractive, environmentally friendly and affordable and I'm really pleased that this great innovation is being produced here in the Black Country and has a proven track record during its trials of 99% reliability and punctuality!***

The Minister called into Stourbridge Junction at Lynda's request so that he could see the ground breaking technology for himself. He said:

***'Lynda tells me endlessly about how good and reliable the PPM is so I decided to take up her invitation to come along to experience it for myself. The recent year long trial of the PPM has shown what can be achieved and I leave Stourbridge with a very favourable impression indeed.'***

John Parry, Chairman of Parry People Movers, said: ***"What we're trying to achieve is attractive, environmentally-friendly technology that can solve a major transport problem. Our railcars are 'green' - they emit 80% less carbon dioxide than the smallest diesel train - and passengers like them: people compare them to modern trams. So we can reduce pollution from cars by attracting people to public transport, and at the same time cut the emissions from the railways.***

The Minister was accompanied on his visit by David Hibbs, the leader for Community Rail at the Department for Transport, whose team is looking for innovative ways to make local railways, many of which currently carry few passengers and have high costs, into vital, 'green' community transport links.

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Photos show John Parry, Lynda Waltho MP and Minister Tom Harris MP at Stourbridge Junction.