

A LONG CAMPAIGN TO VICTORY



April 2014

In April 2014 Labour at Lancashire County Council and Blackpool Council decided to end NoW Card holders from Wyre using the tram. Paul Maynard MP, with Councillors Patsy Ormrod and Andrea Kay organised a protest. Over 200 people with only 24hrs notice came to Cleveleys to protest. Labour knew then they had messed with the wrong people.

Feb 2015

Paul Maynard made sure the Transport Secretary visited the area. He travelled on one of the trams to Rossall School where he addressed a Transport Forum of local people who made it clear just what Labour's decision to ban their NoW Cards on the tram had done to them.



end of Jan 2016

Paul Maynard spoke to the Transport Minister Andrew Jones MP who pressured Lancashire County Council to do the decent thing, especially for disabled and elderly residents of Wyre and reverse the ban. Paul also spoke to Communities Secretary Greg Clark MP who found an extra £1.1m for Lancashire CC, which removes their final excuse to maintain the ban.



June 2014

Paul Maynard MP first raises the issue of the NoW Card Tram Ban with Transport Secretary, Patrick McLoughlin MP. Patrick is sympathetic to the plight of NoW Card holders, but states it is a matter for the transport authority, which in this case is Labour controlled Lancashire County Council. Patrick does agree to look further in to this and make appropriate representations.



Oct 2015

Answering a question on the NoW Card Tram Ban, Prime Minister David Cameron clearly states that the responsibility lies with Lancashire County Council as the relevant transport authority in Wyre.

Jan 2016

Paul Maynard MP leads a debate in Parliament on the use of NoW Cards for Wyre Pensioners to use on the trams. This starts the process of government pressure on Lancashire to reverse their decision to the ban.



Feb 2016

Blackpool Transport again agrees to allow NoW Card holders from Wyre to use the trams, so Lancashire County Council withdraw the threat to withhold track maintenance payments. Bizarrely, Labour, late to the campaign, now tries to claim the credit when they caused the problem in the first place.



KNOW THE FACTS

FACT

The Labour councillors in Wyre, including Lorraine Beavers, actually supported a more severe package of cuts than Lancashire eventually agreed to – cuts that would have seen no need to bring the NoW card back as

there would have been no trams at all in Wyre as the County Council wanted to stop the maintenance payments.

FACT

Labour are desperate to only talk about trams, and not buses, because they've axed supported bus routes left, right and centre – directly impacting services people rely on right here in Cleveleys. Conservatives got

Cleveleys bus station revamped – Labour do their best to ensure there are no buses left. No wonder Conservatives opposed the Budget overall!

FACT

It's only thanks to pressure from your local Conservative team that Labour were backed into a corner and forced to do the decent thing on tram passes, and we're still working with Blackpool Transport

to fill the holes in the bus network as best we can.

FACT

Conservative Wyre Councillor Patsy Ormrod proposed a notice of motion calling on Lancashire to reinstate the tram pass ban.

This was backed by all the Thornton-Cleveleys

Conservative councillors at the time including Councillors David Walmsley, Alan Vincent, Andrea Kay, Rita Amos, Ann Turner, John Hodgkinson, and Michael Vincent. Labour unanimously opposed this move, yet they now shed crocodile tears.



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