



submitted a planning application to the City Council for their scheme to develop the station and the Association convened a meeting of the Nottingham Station Joint Committee, which comprises representatives appointed by Nottingham Civic Society, Nottinghamshire Campaign for Better Transport, the Meadows Partnership Trust and our own Association. The NSJC exists to co-ordinate the response of local voluntary groups to these far reaching proposals. Following a meeting with the Planning Officer responsible for co-ordinating the scheme and a full discussion among members of the committee, a comprehensive response has been submitted to the City Council.

While welcoming the proposals to repair the station, the committee's main concern has been that the proposals, which will see extensive retail and office development in and around the station, contain nothing that will alleviate the congestion caused to rail traffic by the inadequate track layout and signalling. Having made that point, the committee went on to comment in detail on the proposals contained in the planning application.

#### CAR PARKING

A new multi-storey car proposed for Queen's Road was opposed because:

- it would be visually overpowering and an eyesore from all viewpoints
- it would have double the capacity of the present car park, contradicting the Council's policy of discouraging city centre car use and there was no evidence to show such an increase was necessary
- it would increase traffic in the area and introduce dangerous, conflicting traffic movements

Members felt that, if it was to be built, it should be buried underground.

#### FOOTPATH CLOSURE

At present, there is a public footpath which links Station Street and Queen's Road via the station footbridge. The committee is opposed to the closure of this right of way and has suggested the present path be replaced by one nearer London Road, which could also provide much needed access to the station from the east.

#### PROPOSED CHANGES TO TAXI RANKS

The committee is concerned that, when the taxis are removed from the station frontage to make way for retail outlets, the new ranks will have no protection from the weather and will entail a much longer journey to reach the station - increasing prices and carbon emissions. They are opposed to the re-siting of the rank until these issues are dealt with.

## RETAIL PROVISION

The committee stated its view that the station should be seen primarily as a rail, rather than retail, facility. They asked for guarantees that retail provision would be rail-related, not over intensive and would respect the Edwardian station building.

## PLATFORM CANOPIES

Since first expressing a view on the station development, four years ago, the committee has argued that glazing the platform canopies would be the single most important step that could be taken to lift the gloomy atmosphere which pervades the station at platform level. Much has been conceded in this respect in the new plan, but the committee continues to press for the complete glazing of all the canopies.

## DEMOLITION OF THE QUEEN'S HOTEL

There is a separate planning application to demolish this building. While conceding it is becoming an eyesore, due to recent (deliberate?) neglect, the committee expressed strong opposition to demolition and replacement by a multi-storey, multicolour, building which would put the station out of context with its surroundings.

The above is an outline of the committee's statement. Members may obtain a copy of the full statement by sending an A5 size sae to the secretary.

## VISIT TO ROLLS-ROYCE (HUCKNALL)

A visit has been arranged to the premises of the RR Heritage Trust at Hucknall Aerodrome, providing an excellent opportunity to see some of the restoration work undertaken by the Trust and meet some of the members. As a flight test establishment, Hucknall played a key role in British aviation development and this visit will be of very great interest.

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**Date:           Thurs 18 September 2008 at 2pm**

**Meet:           Rolls-Royce Gate No 1, Watnall Rd, Hucknall at 1.45pm**

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