

**From:** [John Miles](#)  
**To:** [James Palmer](#); [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Charlie Hamilton](#); [Liz Howard](#); [Julia Pettit](#)  
**Subject:** Affordable Mass Transit for Cambridge and Peterborough  
**Date:** 10 August 2018 12:08:42

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Dear James, Tom

Thank you both for your time and consideration during our meeting in Ely last week. It was a good discussion, and we were very pleased that you received us with such open minds and a willingness to explore the ideas which we put forward.

As we said during our meeting, we are intending to submit a proposal to InnovateUK which will describe a project to build and test an all-electric, driverless, vehicle which could become a central part of a future, low cost, mass transit solution ('Metro-lite'). The culmination of our project will be a demonstration of this vehicle on the Cambridge Guided Busway. A letter of support from the Mayor, which could be attached to our submission, would really strengthen our hand. We already have offers of support from the cities of Oxford and Milton Keynes, and we believe a 'full house' from the East-West Corridor Cities would make our submission very compelling. We need this letter by the end of August and, if you would be willing to help us in this way, we would be very grateful. If it would help for us to provide a draft, we would be happy to do so.

On a slightly different note, we have become very interested in serving the public transport needs of the wider geography in the manner discussed towards the end of our meeting. It would be very exciting to look at this in a bit more detail, because our Metro-lite system is very well suited to covering medium distances in rural settings. We could envisage, in the long-term, a mesh of affordable connectivity spanning the entire region between Peterborough and Cambridge – a home-grown solution to a very difficult public transport challenge. We would be keen to have a look at this proposition in a bit more detail, but it would require some additional effort. We estimate that a budget of around £50K would be required. Would the Combined Authority be willing to fund such a preliminary study?

Finally, we spoke briefly about the LEP and its role in creating increased economic activity. I have just come from a meeting in which the engagement of the West Midlands Combined Authority in the Coventry Very Light Rail project was described to me. The financial support of the LEP has been very significant to the launch of that project, and we would be keen to explore the possibility of gaining similar support for our Cambridge-grown Metro-lite system. Would you be able to give us some guidance on how best to achieve this, please?

Once again, many thanks for your time and willingness to engage with us last week. I do hope we may now begin to work more closely together on solving the public transport challenge for our local communities.

Very best regards,  
John

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**From:** [Elizabeth Howard](#)  
**To:** [James Palmer](#)  
**Cc:** [James Palmer](#); [Tom Hunt](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Mayor Palmer meeting Professor John Miles and Charlie Hamilton, Managing Director of Whippet Coaches.  
**Date:** 09 July 2018 11:51:16

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Hi Julia,

Would you be able to resend the invite to John's email address. This is john.miles@arup.com.

Thanks!

Liz

On 2018-07-09 11:41, James Palmer wrote:

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- > Charlie Hamilton, Managing Director of Whippet Coaches meeting with
- > the Mayor to discuss future transport systems for the city.
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- > Meeting has been rearranged from 2nd July.

**From:** [Elizabeth Howard](#)  
**To:** [James Palmer](#)  
**Cc:** [John Miles](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting Professor John Miles to discuss future transport systems for the city  
**Date:** 03 April 2018 12:17:23

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Best wishes,

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**From:** [Julia Pettit](#) on behalf of [James Palmer](#)  
**To:** [James Palmer](#); [Tom Hunt](#); [Elizabeth Howard](#); [john.miles@arup.com](mailto:john.miles@arup.com)  
**Subject:** Mayor Palmer meeting Professor John Miles and Charlie Hamilton, Managing Director of Whippet Coaches.

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**From:** [Julia Pettit](#)  
**To:** [john.miles@arup.com](mailto:john.miles@arup.com)  
**Subject:** Meeting with James Palmer, Mayor of Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, Monday 2nd July  
**Date:** 25 June 2018 15:25:00  
**Attachments:** [image001.jpg](#)

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Dear Professor Miles

I am contacting you with regard to the meeting with the Mayor of Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Unfortunately the Mayor is no longer able to meet on this date and has asked if we could look to rearrange to later in the month.

Is it possible you could provide me with some dates in late July when you would be available to meet.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

Julia

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**To:** [Elizabeth Howard](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Professor John Miles to discuss future transport systems for the city  
**Date:** 03 May 2018 15:25:00

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Hi Liz

Thank you for the update and John will shortly receive a meeting invitation.

Kind regards  
Julia

-----Original Message-----

From: Elizabeth Howard [<mailto:eh301@cam.ac.uk>]  
Sent: 03 May 2018 15:09  
To: Julia Pettit <[Julia.Pettit@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:Julia.Pettit@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)>  
Subject: Meeting Professor John Miles to discuss future transport systems for the city

Hi Julia,

Please can we make it the 2nd July in the morning. John has the whole morning free so can meet at any time. Would you be able to send an invite with the details? John's email is [john.miles@arup.com](mailto:john.miles@arup.com).

Thanks,

Liz

On 2018-05-03 14:43, Julia Pettit wrote:

> Hi Liz  
>  
> The next available dates are as follows:  
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> Tuesday 26th June anytime between 11.00am and 2.00pm Monday 2nd July  
> available am and pm Wednesday 11th July from 2pm.  
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> I look forward to hearing from you.  
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> Kind regards  
> Julia  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Elizabeth Howard [<mailto:eh301@cam.ac.uk>]  
> Sent: 30 April 2018 14:52  
> To: Julia Pettit <[Julia.Pettit@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk](mailto:Julia.Pettit@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk)>  
> Subject: Re: FW: Meeting Professor John Miles to discuss future  
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>>> DATE: 3 April 2018 at 12:17:21 BST  
>>> TO: <james.palmer@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk>  
>>> CC: John Miles <john.miles@arup.com>  
>>> SUBJECT: MEETING PROFESSOR JOHN MILES TO DISCUSS FUTURE TRANSPORT  
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**From:** [James Palmer](#)  
**To:** [Julia Pettit](#)  
**Cc:** [James Palmer](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting Professor John Miles to discuss future transport systems for the city  
**Date:** 04 April 2018 19:53:59

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Hi Julia

Would it be possible to get something into the diary fairly soon?

Best wishes

Tom

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Elizabeth Howard <[eh301@cam.ac.uk](mailto:eh301@cam.ac.uk)>  
**Date:** 3 April 2018 at 12:17:21 BST  
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