

THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006

RULE 10(2)(c)

THE BLACKPOOL TRAMWAY (BLACKPOOL NORTH EXTENSION) ORDER

CONCISE STATEMENT OF AIMS

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Blackpool Borough Council is applying for an order under the Transport and Works Act 1992 for powers to construct, operate and maintain an extension to its existing tramway system from North Pier to Blackpool North railway station. The proposed scheme is to be referred to as the Blackpool Tramway (Blackpool North Extension) (BNE).
- 1.2. This document is a concise statement of the aims of the BNE, and has been prepared to accompany the application, in accordance with rule 10(2)(c) of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.

2. Aims of the BNE

2.1. The proposal is intended to facilitate:

- connectivity and integration between the existing tramway and National Rail services at Blackpool North railway station. The tramway, which runs alongside the promenade, is around 600 metres from Blackpool North. The BNE will improve connectivity both within Blackpool, and to the wider sub-region for commuters and for visitors accessing the resort;
- the use of public transport, by enabling visitors and residents to access the existing railway station from the tramway network, thus encouraging modal shift and reducing transport emissions;
- regeneration and economic growth, by improving transport provision and accessibility to jobs and services, and improving the connectivity between the economically important seafront and the redeveloping town centre. The BNE will facilitate urban realm enhancements in the town centre as well as improving access for employers in Blackpool to a larger labour pool; and
- the promotion of quality of life through a safe and healthy built and natural environment.