

## Respondent's Details

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**I am responding:** as an individual  on behalf of an organisation

**Is your response confidential? If so, please explain why (see Appendix 1 "Confidentiality of Consultations – Freedom of Information Act 2000").**

**Provision is made throughout this questionnaire for you to provide additional comments. If, however, you wish to provide more detailed comments on any aspect of the consultation, please feel free to append additional materials and supplementary documents, clearly marked and cross-referenced to the relevant questions, as necessary.**

## Questions on Detailed Policy Proposals

### Question 1 (page 15)

Do you agree that the Department should have the necessary authority to implement the Rapid Transit proposals?

Yes x No

**Comments:**

**There is one area which has not been included in the consultation, and that is that the 2 airports are not included in the proposals.**

### Question 2 (page 16)

Do you agree that the Department should take land acquisition powers for the implementation of the Rapid Transit system?

Yes x No

**Comments:**

**Question 3 (page 16)**

Do you agree that the Department should have the power to purchase, lease and dispose of goods, services and facilities for the Rapid Transit system?

**Yes x No**

**Comments:**

**Question 4 (page 17)**

Do you agree that a performance-based contract should be introduced for the operation of the Rapid Transit system?

**Yes x No**

**Comments:**

**Question 5 (page 18)**

Do you agree that the Department should be responsible for:

- specifying Rapid Transit service requirements, quality-of-service and the fare levels;
- awarding the Rapid Transit contract; and
- monitoring and reporting on Rapid Transit operator performance?

**Yes** x **No**

**Comments:**

**Strict monitoring will be necessary. Proper penalties should be in place if there is a failure to deliver**

**Competitive tendering must take place to ensure the best operator is chosen**

**Question 6 (page 18)**

What are your views on the proposal to offer financial incentives to the Rapid Transit operator to grow the Rapid Transit market, introduce innovation and improve services?

**Comments:**

**The service should be so attractive that car users would use it in preference to the car.**

**Our group could not comment on this could be achieved**

**Question 7 (page 20)**

Do you agree with the proposed powers to regulate passenger conduct on Rapid Transit Vehicles and in/on Rapid Transit premises?

Yes x No

**Comments:**

**Question 8 (page 21)**

Do you agree that the dedicated public transport corridors on which Rapid Transit operates should be strictly enforced?

Yes x No

**Comments:**

**It is not possible to run Rapid Transit on dedicated routes unless the corridors are strictly enforced. However, parking facilities for businesses on the routes must be protected or alternative parking provided.**

**Residents' parking should also be protected**

**Question 9 (page 21)**

Do you agree with the proposed powers for the Department to install, operate and maintain off-board ticketing machines?

**Yes** x **No**

**Comments:**

**Please make any further comments on the Detailed Policy Proposals here, ensuring that you clearly refer to any relevant questions or responses submitted above.**

## Questions on Integrated Impact Assessment

**In considering these questions you should bear in mind that it is proposed that a further Integrated Impact Assessment screening exercise will be undertaken prior to the implementation phase of the Rapid Transit project.**

### Question 1

Do you have any views on the Integrated Impact Assessment Screening conclusion reached by the Department?

Yes  No

**Comments:**

### Question 2

Are there any particular equality issues that need to be considered in relation to the policy proposals contained in the Detailed Policy Proposals booklet?

Yes  No

**Comments:**

**It must be ensured that disability access is integral to the Rapid Transit ethos and proposal.**

## **Comments on Equality Screening**

We welcome your comments on any aspect of the draft equality screening document. Please bear in mind that it is proposed that a further screening exercise will be undertaken prior to the implementation phase of the Rapid Transit project.

**Comments:**