



## ENOTRAC & Sutton council join forces to support the Sutton Tramlink extension initiative

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ENOTRAC had the honour of welcoming local MP Paul Burstow (pictured on the right) to their Sutton office to discuss the Sutton Tramlink Extension initiative. Mr Burstow has been a key figure in promoting the scheme and sees it as an important project not only for Sutton, but also for the surrounding South London area.

His visit, hosted by ENOTRAC UK Managing Director, Dr Ziad Mouneimne, centred on getting to know ENOTRAC's capabilities and project experience in the field of public transport and in particular tramways. ENOTRAC also took the opportunity to discuss how the company would be able to help on the project should the initiative be approved by Transport for London.

### Project overview

The Sutton Tramlink extension would see the current London Tramlink network extended from the existing Morden Road stop to Sutton via Morden town centre, Rose Hill town centre, St Helier Hospital and Angel Hill. Phase I of the project is approximately 8 km in length and includes an estimated 16 stations. The latest estimates for Phase I suggest that the route would cost £240 million.

There is potential for further extension of the Sutton branch, which is known as Phase II. This phase would extend the Tramlink further south from Sutton town centre along a 2 km route to Sutton's Life Science Cluster and serve the world-class cancer research centre at the Royal Marsden Hospital.

The Tramlink would prove to be an important infrastructure link for the borough as it would help to ease traffic congestion, reduce journey times locally and to Central London and would create more than 10'000 additional jobs according to the Economic Benefits Prospectus published in May 2013. A decision on funding by the Mayor of London is expected later this year.

### ENOTRAC experience

ENOTRAC is a world-leading specialist consultancy in the field of railway engineering with an unrivalled reputation for technical expertise and quality of work. We employ over 60 dedicated engineers. We have been serving the rail industry for over 25 years in Europe, the Middle East, Asia Pacific and the Americas. We have successfully completed over 600 assignments in more than 20 countries.

Our engineering team has a proven track record in tram projects across the UK (Nottingham and Manchester) and internationally (Australia, Switzerland, France, Romania and Finland). Our expertise cover: system assurance, design & engineering (feasibility studies, technical specification, system and detailed design for power supply) as well as tests and commissioning.

ENOTRAC is a keen supporter of public transport and believes the Sutton Tramlink extension would greatly benefit the local population and economy. No doubt, it will be a nervous wait to hear the final decision, but we hope that by raising the profile of the project it may encourage others to lobby for the same cause.