Re: *lift*share response

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Consultation on Towards a better integrated trans-European transport network at the service of the common transport policy

One aspect that is absent from this Green paper is any consideration of monitoring or influencing the occupancy levels of different modes. Successfully implementing an integrated European transport network, but failing to monitor the occupancy (and therefore true capacity use*) of the infrastructure, could undermine the objectives. It also ignores a valuable contributor to reducing transport volumes and social exclusion. Monitoring and encouraging full usage of existing capacity is the first step that needs to be taken before fully informed and targeted connections and extensions are implemented.

I hope that it is possible to take this vital aspect of transport into account.

Yours sincerely

Ali Clabburn

* Capacity should focus on the number of people able to use the transport modes, so the number of seats passing a given point within a given time frame (including for road capacity). E.g. if a road has 30 cars passing a point every minute then the **capacity** is 30 x 4(seats)/minute = 120 seats/minute. Efficiency of the road should be measured by the number of occupied seats. So if each car had just one person in it the **efficiency** would be 1 x 30/120 = 25% efficient. If each car had an average 2 people in it then the road would be 50% efficient.

Kind Regards

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