

Dear Sir,

I'm afraid that Bob Price (Letters 11th June) has slipped into that fantasy world inhabited by other well known labour sophists. The symptoms are clear for all to see. These are manifested in 20/20 vision in rose tinted views and the irresistible need to re-write history.

He first of all states that the Crossrail project in London will add £30 billion to the UK economy. He then goes on to state this is a TfL figure from May 2006. This he claims will give a 100 per cent return on investment. Of course TfL put the best possible gloss on the figures, they wanted the project to go ahead. They will be very lucky if the final cost does not spiral out of control like the original cost put on the Olympics by this incompetent government.

Then Bob turns his attention to his distorted version of history. He states that "Our Labour council helped bring Nissan to Wearside and Margaret Thatcher tried to hijack that for her own ends". What absolute tosh. The Conservative Government of the day was instrumental in bringing Nissan to Sunderland. In a project such as this only central Government could be prime movers and principle facilitators.

Bob's comments on "the handful" of Conservative Counsellors "who bothered to turn up for the annual council meeting on May 16th" (sorry Bob the Council meeting was on 14th) or the reconvened meeting the following day were as wrong as the dates he used. As for the reconvened meeting. By the way that was the 15th Bob. The meeting was brought forward by the Leader of the Council from the long established time of 6.00pm to 4.00pm, which prevented 16 of the now 22 Conservative Councillors from attending because of work or business commitments. Those who could attend looked happy enough to me. Taking 9 seats in a year gives a warm glow.

Get over the bitterness Bob. Draw a line and move on.

Yours faithfully

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