

PM's trolleybus trial

Cameron accused of dodging questions

DAVID Cameron has been accused of dodging questions about the threatened Leeds Trolleybus scheme after being quizzed on its future in the Commons.

Fabian Hamilton, the Labour MP for

Leeds North East, was left frustrated after the Prime Minister would only say that trolleybus remains "under consideration".

The £250m Leeds New Generation Transport project suffered a major blow last week when it failed to win approval from the Department for Transport.

It is one of 22 transport schemes from around the country given the "amber" light and ordered to battle it out for funding from a new £600m local transport

funding pot.

Bosses at West Yorkshire transport authority Metro, who were asking for just under £200m of taxpayers' funding, have been ordered to scale back the scope and cost of the scheme.

Raising the issue at Prime Minister's questions, Mr Hamilton asked Mr Cameron to "give a commitment to the people of Leeds that the much needed New Generation Transport System – the trolleybus – will receive the government

funding that it has been promised for so long."

The PM replied: "This issue is currently under consideration and I am sure he will be one of the first to find out the result."

Speaking later Mr Hamilton said: "He dodged it completely.

"He need not have dodged it – he could have been more positive without giving a specific commitment to public spending."