

# **The Future of UK Road Freight**

# "The state of freight" an industry overview"

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#### How important is the freight sector?

- The global logistics sector will quadruple by 2050<sup>1</sup> but UK share of global trade in goods is shrinking
- 2014 estimates of sector GVA varied from £55-£96 bn and the £41bn variance was larger than the UK Defence budget<sup>2</sup>
- Employing 1.7-2.2m (8% of UK employment) in 63,000-192,735 companies with revenue of £770bn (26% GDP)<sup>2</sup>
- ONS by 2017 had 109,000 companies with 1.1m employees a variance of 850,000 Vs 2014 equal to 2x total Automotive manufacturing employment
- Between 1980 and 2002 UK Logistics costs fell by 12% while USA costs fell by 35%<sup>2</sup> hitting 7.5% of GDP by 2016<sup>3</sup> while UK costs increased
- A 15% reduction in UK logistics costs could be equivalent to increasing GDP by 1.5% or £161bn<sup>6</sup>



#### USD @ Current prices \$ ms



leathrow play

### Time for a wake up call on freight modes?

- In 2016 484 mt of freight was handled by ports with unitized traffic +1.8 % and UK port congestion rose in 2017<sup>2</sup>
- This is before the impact of Brexit....
- Intermodal rail freight hit record levels in 2017 while the rail reliability index fell 30 points since 2010<sup>3</sup>
- 2.4 mt of UK air freight is worth £181bn (63% of exports by value) with Heathrow accounting for 64%<sup>4</sup>
- But Skills, infrastructure, funding, efficiency, capacity and other challenges abound



Road and rail network reliability



#### Time for a wake up call on freight infrastructure?

- Transport infrastructure is the second most important criterion for multinational firms on where to invest<sup>1</sup>
- OECD ranks UK road freight intensity #6 globally with a level 2.6 x Germany or France<sup>2</sup>
- Eddington report in 2006 projected a 30% growth in UK road congestion delays by 2025
- 25% of companies claim to have become less competitive due to poor infrastructure<sup>3</sup>
- Infrastructure is also important for regional development & the UK exhibits wide dispersion in regional productivity<sup>1</sup>
- Yet 50% of £32.7 bn UK transport spending was received by London<sup>1</sup>
- The National infrastructure commission consultation began in 2017 with a final report due in spring 2019.....



#### Congestion will cost the British economy as much as £307 billion by 2030<sup>4</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup>Improving infrastructure in the UK OECD 2015 + E&Y 2014, <sup>2</sup>World Fact Book, <sup>3</sup>FTA Logistics report 2017/18, <sup>3</sup> CBI Transport Survey 2008, Eddington report 2006, <sup>4</sup>CEBR Report The economic impact of road investment 2017



#### Time for a wake up call on freight sustainability?

- Air pollution contributes to 40,000 early deaths PA<sup>1</sup>
- While HMG allocated £3.5 bn to improve air quality and clean transport initiatives since 2010<sup>2</sup>
- Since 2008 LEZ emissions reduced by 1.5% PA & NO<sub>2</sub> at 0.4% would take 42 years to reach legal limits<sup>3</sup>
- And following a "final warning" the UK was referred to the Eu Court of Justice & are likely to face massive fines for breaching legal limits<sup>4</sup>
- Commons Select Committee 2018 report on improving air quality concluded

"Despite a series of court cases the Government has still not produced a plan that adequately addresses the scale of the challenge"



Growth in congestion can increase emissions up to 400% in turn offsetting the benefits of cleaner vehicles & low emission zones<sup>5</sup>



"We have waited a long time and we cannot possibly wait any longer" Karmenu Vella Eu commissioner for environment

UK Van registrations rose 34% since 2013<sup>3</sup> and "Black Friday 2018" is forecast to generate 210,000 extra van deliveries<sup>6</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup>Commons select committee on environment & rural affairs report 2018, <sup>3</sup>Andrew Jones Commons Transport Committee Improving Air Quality HC 433 2017, <sup>3</sup>Incept 2017 derived from LEZ analysis by Kings College London 2008 2017/18, <sup>4</sup>Guardian 2018, <sup>5</sup>Sjodin et al. 1998, DeVlieger et al. 2000, Frey et al. 2001, Zhang, K, Dept Env Health Sciences Michigan 2011, <sup>6</sup>Bearing point study 2018 FTA Logistics report 2017/18

#### Time for a wake up call on policy?

- 40 year pace of change in ministers is inverse to decisions as 3<sup>rd</sup> runway spent decades in the air
  - 1978 Aviation white paper finds LHR capacity constrained
  - 40 years later 3<sup>rd</sup> runway passes the commons with funding TBC by an 86% geared private company
- Policy isn't "joined up" e.g. insufficient investment in electricity generation means move to electric vehicles will be hampered by severe capacity constraints<sup>1</sup>
- A 2011 CBI Survey found an absence of clear government strategy, delays & costs in planning systems & regulatory burdens were major impediments to infrastructure investment"

"On average a senior USA executives takes 13-18 months to become effective in reshaping an organisation" John Gabarro HBR 2007 "About 40% of executives who change jobs or get promoted fail in the first 18 months" Anne Fisher - Forbes "Work it out" 2012

1979	Names Fruiter		1993	John MacGregor		2007	Douglas Alexander - Ruth Kelly		
1980	Norman Fowler		1994	John MacGregor - Brian Mawhinney		2008	Ruth Kelly - Geoff Hoon		
1981	Norman Fowler - David Howell		1995	Brian Mawhinney - Sir George Young	٠	2009	Geoff Hoon - Lord Adonis		
1982	David Howell		1996	Sir George Young		2010	Lord Adonis - Philip Hammond		
1983	David Howell - Tom King - Nicholas Ridley	٠	1997	Sir George Young - John Prescott	٠	2011	Philip Hammond - Justine Geening		
1984	Nicholas Ridley		1998	John Prescott	۰	2012	Justine Geening - Patrick McLoughlin		
1985			1999		٠	2013			
1986	Nicholas Ridley - John Moore	٠	2000		۰	2014	Patrick McLoughlin	۲	
1987	John Moore - Paul Channon	٠	2001		۰	2015		۲	
1988	Paul Channon		2002	John Prescott - Alistair Darling	٠	2016	Patrick McLoughlin - Chris Grayling	٠	
1989	Paul Channon - Cecil Parkinson	٠	2003	Alistair Darling	۰	2017	Chris Gravling		
1990	Cecil Parkinson - Malcolm Rifkind	٠	2004		۰	2018			
1991	Malcolm Rifkind		2005		۰				
1992	Malcolm Rifkind - John MacGregor	٠	2006	Alistair Darling - Douglas Alexander	٠				
	In transition			TOPLINE			TYPE OF TENURE	Ye	ears
	Stable for one year			Number of ministers	21		Transition	19	48%
	Stable for over one year			Tenure up to 1980 (Ave years)	2.0		Stable for a year	5	139
Source:	Wikipedia & Incept 2017			Tenure since 2007 (Ave years)	1.5		Stable for over a year	16	40%

"The revised 2018 NPPF<sup>\*</sup> is broadly similar to the 2012 NPPF - it would be glib to say it has all the same objectives & conclusions, just in a different order, but that is the main conclusion" CILT Policy Watch Focus June 2018



#### How urgent is the need for change?

Value of "Blue" UK economy £47bn and 95% of UK trade carried by sea<sup>1</sup> 'As a main driver of competitiveness, logistics can make you or break you as a country"

Uri Dadush Trade Director World Bank 2007

10,000 HGVs pass through Dover a day & 4,000 through Eurotunnel carrying £122bn (17%) of UK trade<sup>2</sup> While we wait 22 years for the 2040 conventional vehicle ban pollution may contribute to 880,000 premature deaths ...... 31% of businesses lack enough skilled workers to run smoothly, 50% expect to be unable to fill HGV driver positions & 14% expect a shortage of warehouse space<sup>4</sup>

By 2050 capacity constraints on London airports will be equivalent to a cut in GDP of 0.04% to 0.17% (£30 -£45Bn)<sup>3</sup>

Sources: <sup>1</sup> Foresight Future of the Sea report FT Raconteur 2018, <sup>2</sup>Port of Dover 2018, <sup>3</sup>Airports Commission (2013a) the £30-£45bn refers to 2021-2080 period, UK Total trade data ONS Nov 2018, <sup>4</sup> Moore Stephens / Barclays Logistics confidence survey 2017 & FTA Logistics report 2017/18



#### What are the fundamentals behind these problems?





#### Should we change the future model?

Will what drove the original development of trade & logistics drive the future?





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**QUESTIONS?** 

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