

# The Future of UK Road Freight

"The state of freight" an industry overview"

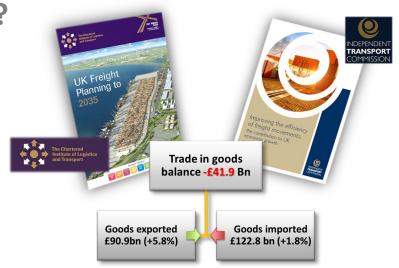
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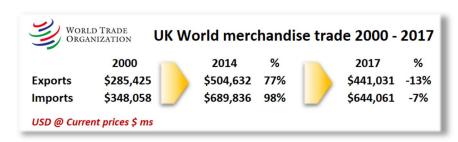




# How important is the freight sector?

- 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>

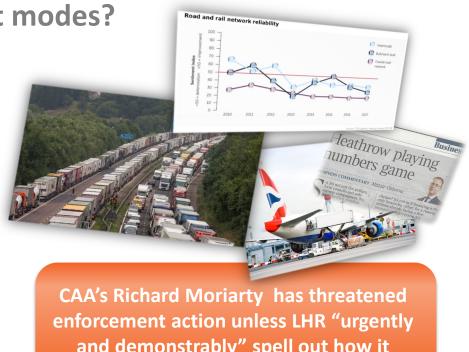






Time for a wake up call on freight modes?

- 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%4
- But Skills, infrastructure, funding, efficiency, capacity and other challenges abound



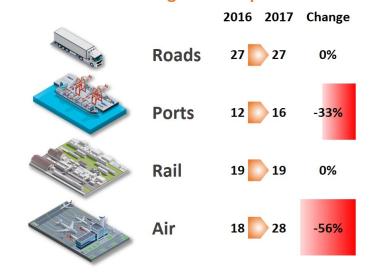
and demonstrably" spell out how it plans to fund the £14bn 3<sup>rd</sup> runway<sup>5</sup>



#### 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......

#### WEF Global ranking UK transport infrastructure



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



# 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 2013³ and "Black Friday 2018" is forecast to generate 210,000 extra van deliveries<sup>6</sup>



# 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"



"The revised 2018 NPPF\* 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 sea1

10,000 HGVs pass through Dover a day & 4,000 through Eurotunnel carrying £122bn (17%) of UK trade<sup>2</sup> 'As a main driver of competitiveness, logistics can make you or break you as a country"

Uri Dadush Trade Director World Bank 2007

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>



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



**Public perceptions** 

Central Vs devolved planning & process

Chronic underfunding
2018 transport budget £2.9bn
is 0.9% of public spend &
private sector Vs policy
uncertainty<sup>1</sup>



Partial advice e.g. mode Vs mode

"Voluntary" regulation Vs competition

Asset life 50 years Vs political life of 5

The blame game

**Poor data** 

Lack of tax hypothecation & "free riders"



# Should we change the future model?





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#### **QUESTIONS?**

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