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# Future of Freight: A long-term plan

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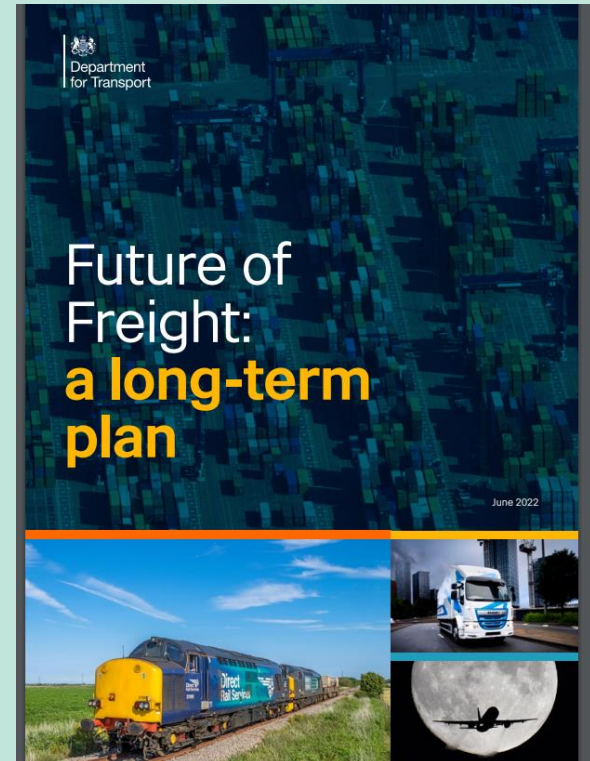
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2. Development of the plan
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# Raise status and think cross-modal - NIC

- **Raise the status of freight in**
    - Department for Transport; Whitehall; Public awareness
  - **Events have helped**
    - COVID-19; Brexit; Russia/Ukraine
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- ***Freight as a system:***
    - *Road freight; Rail freight; Shipping/waterways; Air freight*
    - *Airports; Ports; Rail freight interchanges; Warehousing*



“Whitehall and freight representatives must come together across modes and operations if they are to create policies and plans that deliver against broader UK goals.”



# Stakeholder Engagement

## A collaborative approach



**Workshops**  
Levelling Up   **Transport for the user**   Net Zero   **Global impact**

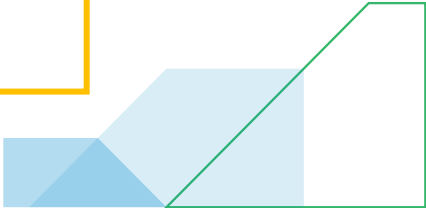
**Roundtables**  
**Energy**   Infrastructure   **Technology**   Planning   **People/skills**

300 organisations

**Objectives and priority first actions for the plan**

**Drafting the plan**

**Freight Council**





# Long-term **objectives** for the freight sector



## **Cost efficient**

Supporting the sector to deliver globally competitive costs and support the broader UK economy with access to low-cost good transport.



## **Reliable**

Facilitating the sector delivering consistently good performance for its customers, providing reliable access to the goods that businesses and consumers need.



## **Resilient**

Bolstering the freight network's capacity to anticipate absorb, resist or avoid disruption and recover when disruption does occur. Maintaining the smooth flow of goods throughout.



## **Environmentally sustainable**

Achieving a net zero freight and logistics sector by 2050, whilst supporting broader environmental objectives of air quality and noise reduction.



## **Valued by society**

Ensuring freight is valued by the public and decision makers across sectors reflecting its critical importance to the wider economy, and the lives of everyone in the UK.





# Themes in the plan



Why freight  
is important



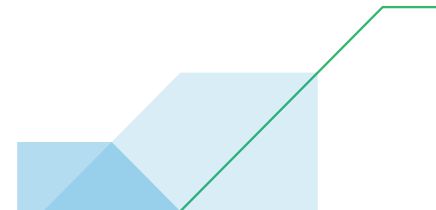
Levelling  
Up



Supply  
chain  
resilience



Strengthening  
the Union







# Actions in the plan



National  
Freight  
Network



Planning  
call for  
evidence



Generation  
Logistics



Freight  
Energy  
Forum



Freight  
Innovation  
Fund



# Next steps



## Implementation

Planning call for evidence

Developing the Freight Innovation Fund

Collaboration – we need you



## Raising the status of freight

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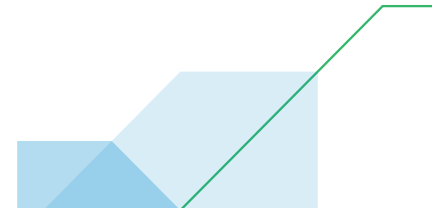
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## Further opportunities

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