



Building a better railway



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Building back better?

Connectivity

Levelling up

Green
recovery

Accessibility

Invest to
grow

Modal
shift

Home
working

Skills

Electric
vehicles

Reduction in
demand

Brexit

Economic
downturn

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Tangible positives

- Collaborative working....
- Multiple timetable changes – seamlessly
- Freight traffic dipped but came back strongly
- Industry technical strategy
- Traction Decarbonisation Network Strategy
- Restore Your Railways development
- Focus on rail investment

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Reform and deliver

- The SoS / DfT has asked for the development of a long term strategy for rail. This was a key recommendation from the Williams Review.
- This will better inform decisions in the near term about outputs and funding of the railway in the context of a longer term strategy owned by the SoS
- The intent is to develop a strategy with a clear line of sight to key outcomes centred on the customer, the economy & society and environmental sustainability
- What outcomes should rail contribute to and what are the priorities; how do we measure them?
- How to integrate and make trade-offs towards the achievement of these outcomes?
- How can the industry deliver this in a way that is demonstrably efficient and affordable, exploiting innovation and technology?
- What are the economic and financial impacts of different outcomes, policy choices (e.g. fares, congestion charging), strategies (decarbonisation, levelling up) and scenarios (timing and size of passenger demand, economic and population assumptions)?