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The future of freight



With a background of increased carbon reduction targets, increasing fuel prices and congestion on UK roads, this Thought Leadership dinner will examine the future of freight transport. Lord Berkeley will speak about potential models which could encourage increased use of rail & water freight transport services, and decrease heavy good's vehicles on the highways. UK industry has successfully increased rail freight traffic by 59% since 1995, initially by growth in coal traffic but latterly by a significant growth in intermodal traffic, both within the UK and to and from our ports and the Channel Tunnel. This also reflects a change in customer base – moving more to the retail sector. This sector is forecast to grow by between 4 and 6 times in the next 20 years.

This growth demands some new investment in our rail infrastructure to provide 24/7 operation and the carriage of 9' 6" containers as well as in terminals conveniently located beside retail distribution centres.

The event will look at current UK government strategy as well as exploring international case studies and policies. The Swiss and German laws put a charge on road freight, but the extent that this

encourages transfer to rail and water depends both on economics but also service quality. The importance of competition above rail is evidenced by the varying growth or decline in rail freight in different member states, as is the fair and transparent structure of the rail freight industry, to which end the European Union has been working since 1991.

The key to growth in the sector is to create a Europe-wide competitive market in rail freight, as there has been for some years in the road and shipping sectors.

Lord Berkeley is chairman of the Rail Freight Group, the representative body of the UK rail freight industry. He is also President of the European Rail Freight Association, the grouping of independent operators across Europe. He was Public Affairs Manager of Eurotunnel from 1981 until the end of construction of the Channel Tunnel in 1994 and, before that, worked for George Wimpey on a number of multi-discipline projects around the world.

He sits in the House of Lords and was an opposition Transport Spokesperson 1996-7. He is Secretary of the All Party Parliamentary Rail Group and of the All Party Parliamentary Cycling Group. He is a Member of the Institution of Civil Engineers, an Honorary Fellow of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Transport.



Lord Tony Berkeley
Chairman of the
Rail Freight Group

The dinner will take place

29 June 18.30–21.30

at the Eversheds office

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