

Multimodal freight and future growth

The North's logistics network

The North of England's transport network is extensive and encompasses rail, road, inland waterways, sea and air infrastructure in addition to a significant volume of warehousing.

The transport infrastructure supports a Northern population of over 15.5 million people, and prior to the impact of Covid-19 7.4 million jobs, covering over 38,000 square kilometres of land. The North of England contributes over £364 billion GVA towards the UK economy.

Freight accounts for 9% of the country's GDP and supports every industry with access to goods and services. In the UK, a total of c1.65 billion tonnes of freight are lifted by all modes per annum.

Freight assets

The North boasts a wealth of freight assets that grant the North a strong multimodal freight capability. These include:

11 Major Ports



7 International Airports



3 Strategic Rail Freight Interchanges



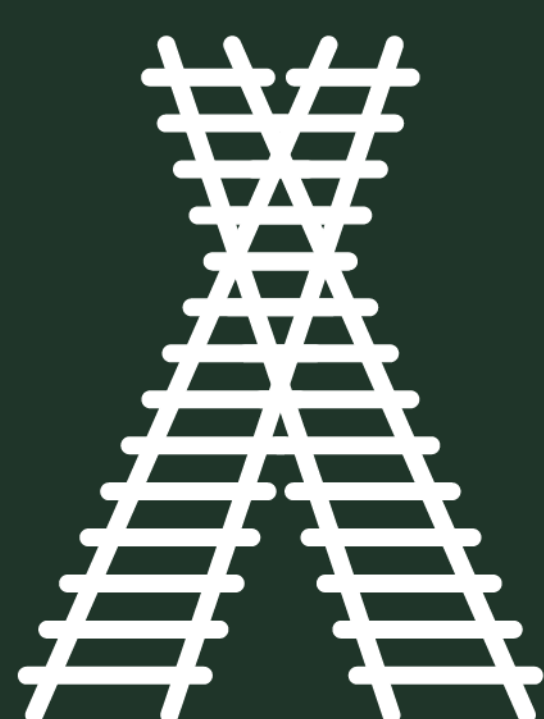
7 Intermodal Terminals



A significant amount of distribution centre capacity



A Strategic Road Network (SRN) focussed on the M62/M60/M56 and A66/69 East-West corridors and the M6 and M1/A1 North-South corridors



A Strategic Rail Network (SRN) principally comprising of the West Coast Main Line, East Coast Main Line and Midland Main Lines that connect the North of England to the South and the Transpennine routes