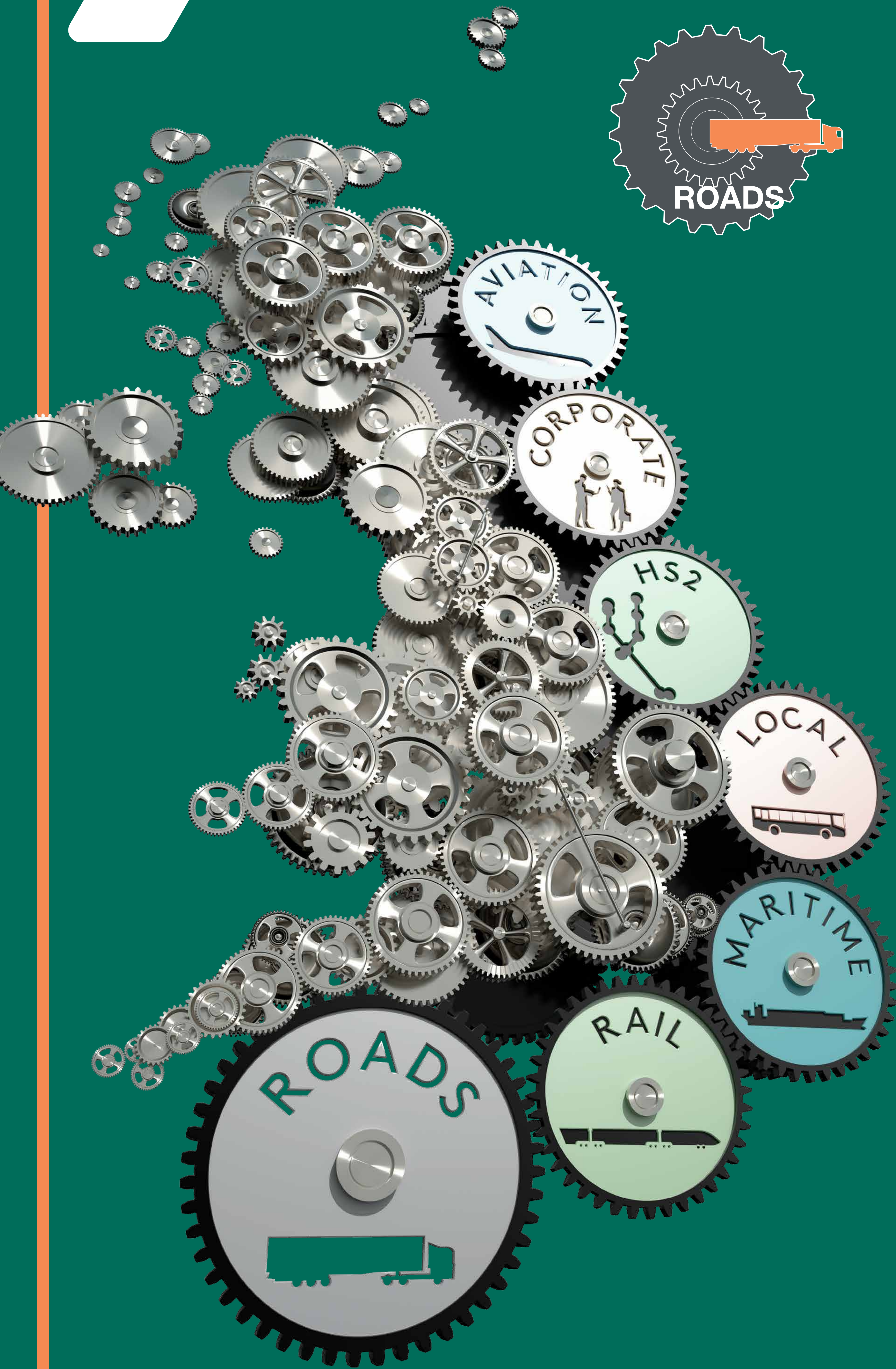




Moving Britain Ahead



- 85% of HGV tests are now carried out at operators' facilities saving them time and fuel costs and enabling a closure programme of expensive government facilities.
- The number of motoring agencies has been rationalised from five to three to simplify the customer experience. Efficiencies are lowering the cost of motoring and have included reducing the cost of the theory test.

- 15 Major Strategic Road Network schemes completed worth £1.7bn and 16 Strategic Road Network schemes worth £2.1bn underway leading to better connectivity, better roads and more capacity.
- HGV levy introduced, levelling the playing field for our hauliers with foreign operators on UK roads and generating over £40m per year.
- Infrastructure Bill Royal Assent allowed the creation of Highways England, transforming how we run our major roads and saving the taxpayer at least £2.6bn over the next 10 years.
- Roads Investment Strategy will see £15bn invested in over 100 schemes over 5 years to tackle congestion and improve connectivity, capability and capacity.
- Road safety reforms helped to reduce casualties and cut congestion. Road fatalities in 2013 were 1713, their lowest since records began in 1926 and 39% below the 05/09 average, and the THINK! campaign was recognised with over 30 industry awards.
- Cutting red tape in road transport is boosting businesses which are to save £230m every year – includes £27m savings from more targeted driver training affecting valets and mechanics and £65m for farmers from updated speed and weight limits for tractors and trailers.
- Delivered the biggest overhaul to the regulatory framework for Traffic Signs in 50 years to reduce sign clutter and cost.
- New laws for drug driving help police crackdown on behaviour that is as irresponsible as drink driving, making our roads safer for everyone and reducing police time and costs.
- Abolishing tax discs is saving business and motorists £12m every year and is just one of a suite of new digital services from DVLA that scrap a mountain of paper.



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