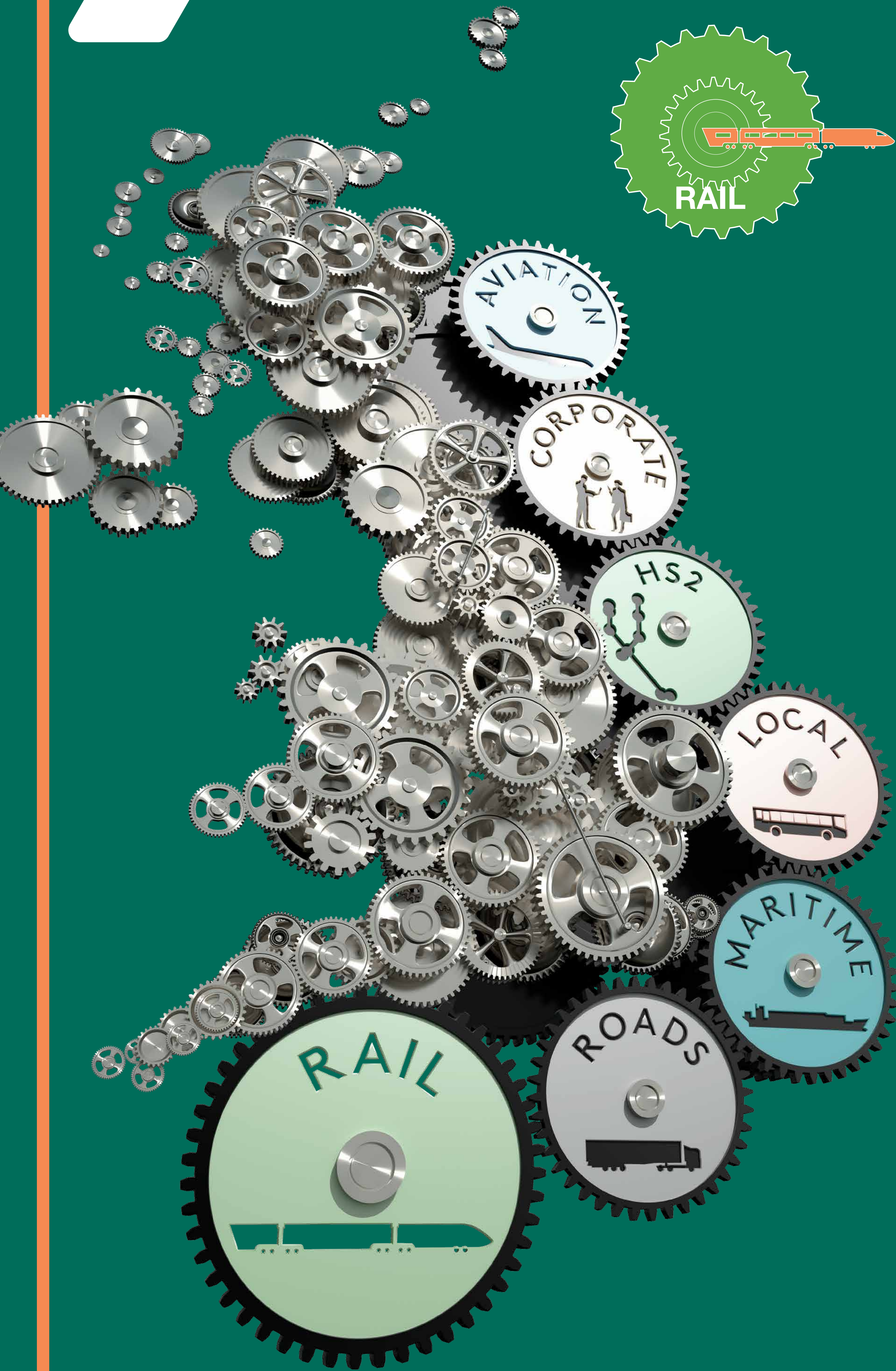




Moving Britain Ahead



- A strong rail industry is a key part of the long-term economic plan – supporting business growth and job creation. Increasing rail use helps to deliver our environmental objectives. Over the past five years, GB rail journeys increased by around 25%, freight moved by rail by around 18%.
- A huge programme of modernisation is underway – the biggest since the Victorian era, supporting rising demand from growth in the economy:
 - Major station upgrades to deliver better services for passengers have been completed or are underway including: Blackfriars; Farringdon; King’s Cross; London Bridge; Reading; Bristol Temple Meads; Peterborough; Birmingham; Sheffield.
 - Passenger experience is being improved at hundreds of other stations around the country resulting in better accessibility, ticket buying, car parking; and building new stations.
 - There is a big rolling stock increase being delivered – over 3,700 new carriages are contracted to be in service by the end of 2019.
 - Almost £20bn worth of investment in brand new trains, infrastructure and systems through Crossrail, the Intercity Express Programme and Thameslink – providing significant increases in capacity, better connections and a much better experience for the passenger. These projects and others are also generating thousands of jobs for the UK and across the industry – boosting growth and the economy.
 - Electrification under way in the North of England will help make journeys faster, quieter and more reliable. Electric trains started running between Manchester Airport and Scotland in May 2014; between Liverpool and Manchester Airport in March 2015.

- Franchises are being awarded that deliver better passenger experience. Recent awards include Thameslink, Southern and Great Northern (TSGN); Essex Thameside; InterCity East Coast.
- We have capped the cost of regulated rail fares for the past two years, protecting hard-working commuters.



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