

Market Study Notice

Civil engineering in rail and road

1. The Competition and Markets Authority (the CMA) publishes this market study notice in accordance with section 130A of the Enterprise Act 2002 (the Act).
2. The CMA is proposing to carry out its functions under section 5 of the Act in relation to the supply of roads and railways in the United Kingdom to consider the extent to which a matter in relation the supply of those services has or may have effects adverse to the interests of consumers, and to assess the extent to which steps can and should be taken to remedy, mitigate or prevent any such adverse effects.
3. In this notice, the supply of roads encompasses all aspects of the design, planning, construction, enhancement, renewal and maintenance of public highway infrastructure and any other public road infrastructure.
4. In this notice, the supply of railways encompasses all aspects of the design, planning, construction, enhancement, renewal, and maintenance of infrastructure used for the operation of a railway.
5. Further details of this market study, including detailed issues on which the CMA would welcome responses, are provided in the Statement of Scope document which is published on our [case page](#).
6. The CMA now invites any persons wishing to make representations on the matter, including on whether the CMA should make a market investigation reference under section 131 of the Act, to do so in writing no later than 17 July 2025.
7. If the CMA proposes to make a market investigation reference, or if representations (as provided for in section 131A of the Act) have been made to the CMA that such a reference should be made but the CMA proposes not to make one, the CMA will publish a notice of that proposal and begin a process of consultation under section 131A(2)(b).
8. The CMA will publish its market study report, setting out its findings in relation to the matter specified in this notice, and the action (if any) which the CMA proposes to take in relation to that matter, no later than 18 June 2026.

19 June 2025

Competition and Markets Authority

Notes

- (i) Representations should be emailed to civilengineering@cma.gov.uk
- (ii) A copy of this notice is placed on the CMA webpages on 19 June 2025.