

# HOW DOES RAIL CONTRIBUTE TO THE UK ECONOMY?

THE RAIL INDUSTRY & ITS SUPPLY  
CHAIN EMPLOY UP TO

**240,000**  
PEOPLE

RAIL REDUCES ROAD  
CONGESTION, SAVING UP TO

**£11.8 BN**

IN TRAVEL TIME PER YEAR

EACH YEAR, RAIL LEADS  
TO BENEFITS WORTH

**£1.9 BN**

FROM CLUSTERS OF COMPANIES  
CLOSE TO RAIL LINKS SHARING  
INFORMATION & TECHNOLOGY

&

UP TO  
**£424**  
MILLION  
PER YEAR

OF INCREASED OUTPUT  
DUE TO CHEAPER TRANSPORT

RAIL HELPS  
REDUCE CO<sub>2</sub> BY UP TO

**8.4 M**  
TONNES  
PER YEAR



THE RAIL INDUSTRY & ITS SUPPLY  
CHAIN CONTRIBUTE

UP TO  
**10.4**  
BILLION  
IN GVA PER YEAR

RAIL ENHANCES  
THE PRODUCTIVE  
POTENTIAL OF THE  
ECONOMY BY UP TO

**£11.6**  
BILLION  
PER YEAR

THE CHANGE IN INDUSTRY MODEL  
HAS INCREASED THE NUMBER  
OF JOURNEYS BY UP TO

**408**

MILLION

IN 2016

&

HAS INCREASED  
THE BENEFITS OF THE RAIL  
SECTOR BY UP TO

**34%**

RAIL IS ONE OF THE SAFEST WAYS  
TO TRAVEL, PREVENTING UP TO

**880**

SERIOUS CASUALTIES AND  
FATALITIES PER YEAR

USER BENEFITS FOR PASSENGERS  
AND FREIGHT FROM TRAVELLING  
ON RAIL ARE UP TO

**£16.7 BN**

PER YEAR

**Rail Delivery Group**