

Programme 14th October

08:45 Networking time

09:30 Chair's welcome and opening remarks
> Maggie Simpson - Director General - Rail Freight Group

Part 1: Rail reform and the impact on freight: preparing as a sector for an evolving network

09:40 Message from Rail Minister on Government commitment and support for development of rail and rail freight growth
> Chris Heaton-Harris MP - Minister of State

09:55 Network Rail update: Plans for the freight network
> Andy Saunders

- Freight Delivery Director - Network Rail

10:20 ORR update: Supporting freight and helping to deliver freight growth
> Declan Collier - Chair - Office of Rail and Road

10:40 Morning networking and break

11:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: Panel discussion: Plans for rail reforms and what these mean for rail freight
> John Thomas - Director of Policy - Rail Delivery Group
> Kathryn Oldale - Head of Strategy, Policy and Communications - DB Cargo
> Peter Graham - Head of Rail Strategy - Freightliner

11:50 Operator update: Priorities, focus and opportunities for 2020 and beyond
> Liam Day - Commercial Director - GB Railfreight

12:10 Networking lunch

Part 2: Devolution and the opportunities for freight

13:10 PANEL DISCUSSION: Further regional devolution: What are the plans for freight development?
> Richard Mann - Senior Rail Programme Manager - Midlands Connect
> Martin Tugwell - Programme Director; President - England's Economic Heartland Strategic Alliance; CIHT

13:50 Importance of investing in rail freight at ports
 > Geoff Lippitt - Group Business Development Director - PD Ports

14:10 Afternoon networking and break

14:40 Delivering port growth development and the associated freight benefits
 > Richard Ballantyne - Chief Executive - British Ports Association

Part 3: Responding to the 2040 decarbonisation targets - the challenges and opportunities for rail freight

15:00 Delivering the fleet of 2040 and beyond: Progress and innovation needed

15:20 Decarbonisation – the opportunities and challenges for rail freight
 > Andrew Kluth - Lead Carbon Specialist - RSSB
 > Jonathan Brown - Technical and Innovation Engagement Lead – Rail - Ricardo

16:00 Chair's closing remarks

16:10 Close of conference and networking time
