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# Joining the Dots: Improving connections between coastal shipping and the UK Supply Chain

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# UK Logistics Industry

The logistics industry is the lifeblood of the UK economy, employing more than 2.5 million people and contributing £121 billion to the nation's GVA.

- The ports sector alone contributed an estimated £1.7 bn in GVA in 2015
- More than 7 million people work in sectors which make, move or sell goods; an estimated 24,000 people are employed in the ports sector alone
- £1,800 billion turnover is generated by businesses who depend on logistics
- 528,000 enterprises make, move or sell goods
- 201 billion tonne km of domestic freight moved within the UK every year



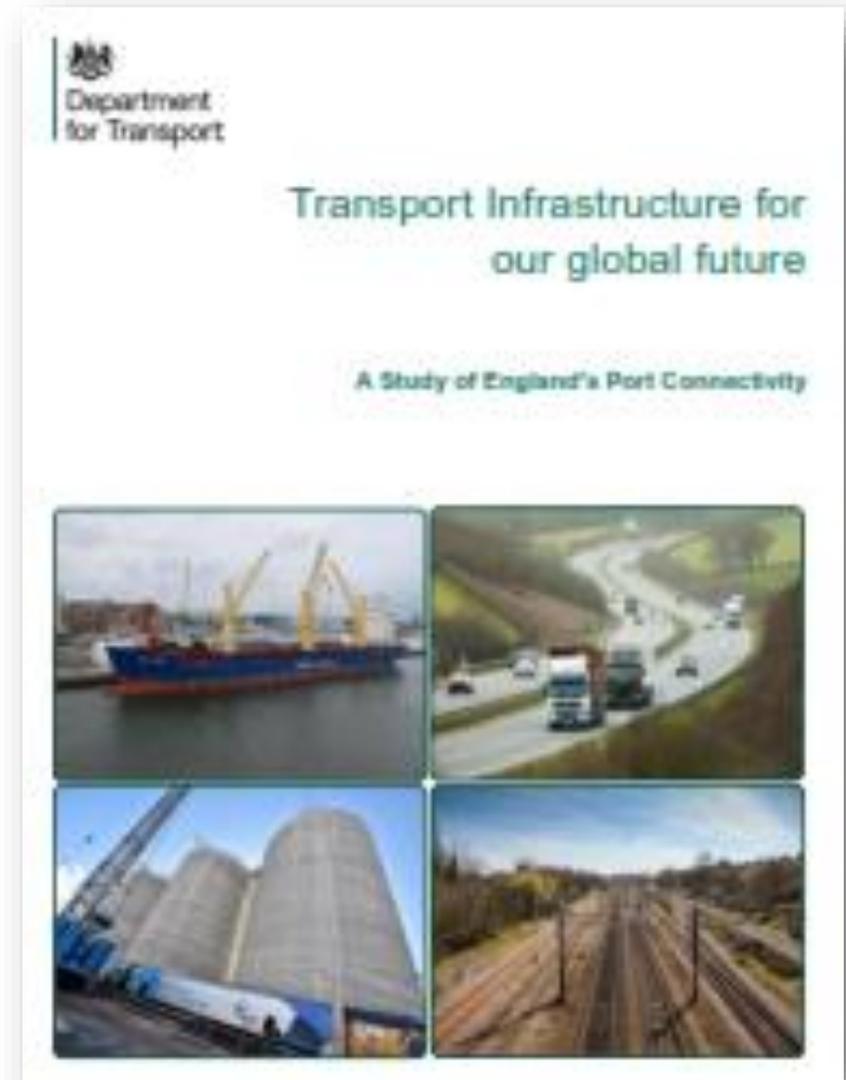
# UK Ports and Connections

As an island nation, international trade, in the form of imports and exports, is a vital factor in economic growth, productivity and inward investment.

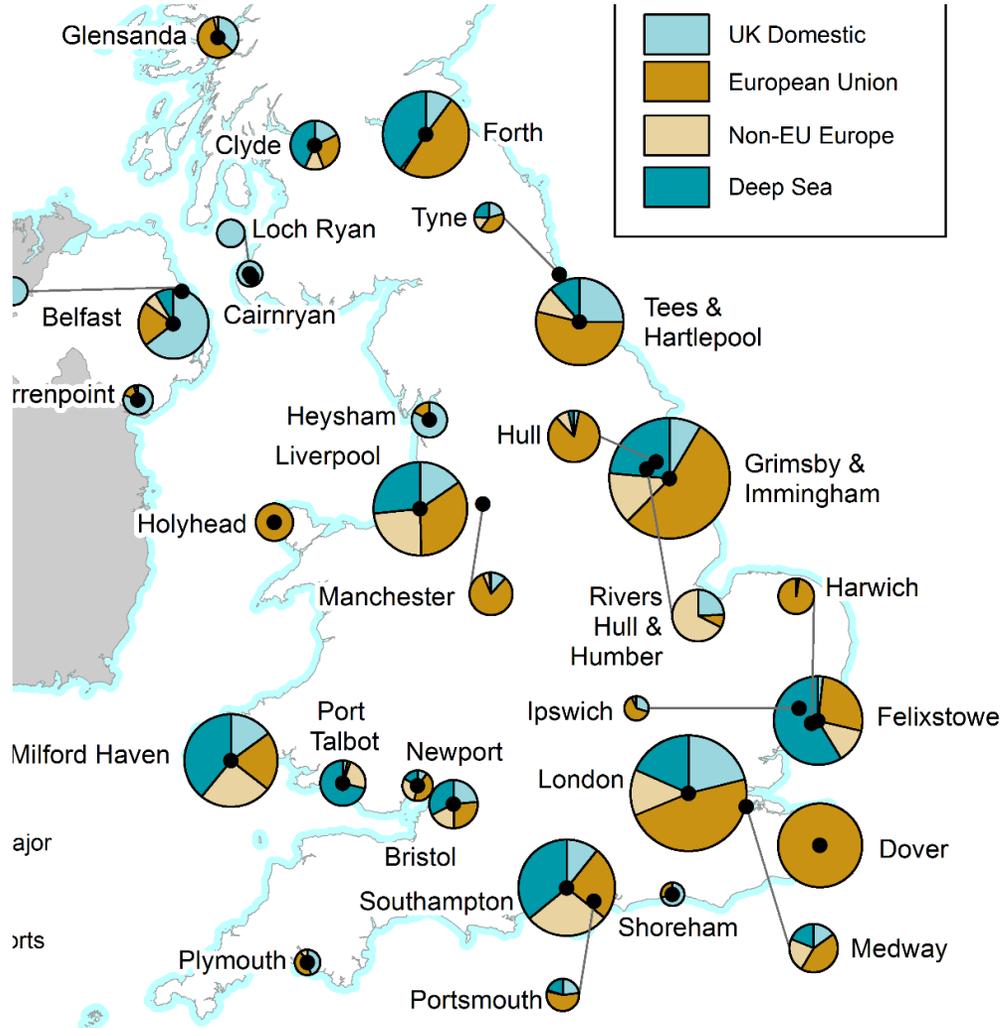
Ports are critical to this success, but the onward connections by rail and road are equally as crucial to facilitate these international movements.

Congestion and capacity issues on these networks, even away from ports, can impact on the efficiency of moving goods to markets.

DfT Port Connectivity Study 2018



# Inland Connections: Selected Ports



## Humber

- **Road:** A63 in Hull a priority issue plus local roads.
- **Rail:** Good connections; lack of W12 gauge clearance
- **Water:** Port of Goole and Canal upgrades

## North East

- **Road:** Strategic upgrades e.g. A1; local road issues persist
- **Rail:** Priority – retain paths and use infrastructure better

## Milford Haven

- **Road:** Peak hour delays on M4 & peak times on local routes
- **Rail:** No longer a working rail link into the port.

## Liverpool

- **Road:** Comprehensive upgrade of A5036 to improve access **Rail:** Bootle branch line improvements needed
- **Water:** MCR Ship Canal traffic up 3% 2016-17

## New challenges for logistics



- Brexit
- Skills & driver shortage
- Clean air and environment
- The last mile and vans
- Uberization
- Electric vehicles
- Autonomous vehicles

## How we can help



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