

Call for Evidence Questions

Q1 What is the potential scale of the opportunity for further light rail (or other rapid transit) systems to be introduced in England?

Q2 Is there an appetite for new systems to be introduced in our cities and towns?

Q3 Is there evidence to support this appetite?

Q4 What would the environmental, economic and congestion benefits be?

Q5 What impact would it have on jobs?

Q6 Does light rail open up new housing or business developments or improve the urban fabric of the area?

Q7 What can we learn from the experience of other countries in adopting new systems?

Q8 What issues have helped progress light rail schemes or acted as barriers to their development?

Q9 What and where are the future opportunities here in England for new light rail systems or alternatives?

Q10 What are the key issues that are preventing light rail schemes from being delivered?

Q11 How can we deliver systems within a budget as has happened?

Q12 What are the key lessons from Europe in progressing light rail and in what way are these different to the U.K.?

Q13 What does the future of light rail look like with new generation transport schemes coming forward?

Q14 How do you see light rail aligning with new initiatives such as autonomous vehicles; cycling and walking; and wider Mobility As A Service initiatives?

Q15 How can promoters leverage funding from sources beyond central Government?

Q16 Is there an appetite for considering Very/Ultra-light rail or Personal Rapid Transit as an alternative transport solution to light rail?

Q17 What are the estimated costs of delivering such systems and the wider benefits on offer? Please provide evidence.

Q18 Should such a system be a concept that is promoted?

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Q19 How would this system provide a positive contribution to the economic productivity and development of a city or town? Please provide evidence.

Q20 What are the barriers for developing such systems, particularly those with elevated sections? For example, public acceptance, or environmental sensitivities?