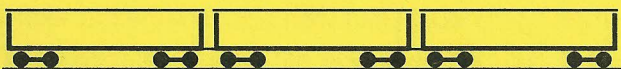


GETTING LINCOLNSHIRE'S FREIGHT BACK ON TO RAIL

The Lincolnshire Branch of the Railway Development Society (the Country's leading pro-rail organisation) is promoting the idea that local authorities in Greater Lincolnshire should develop a Lincolnshire Rail Freight Strategy.

English, Welsh & Scottish Railway, the UK's largest rail freight transport operator, aims to double traffic in five years and treble in ten to some 2,000 freight train journeys a day. Studies say the business could handle some 25% of all lorry tonne/km and the investment required in trains, locomotives and freight terminals would be less than the cost of accommodating this traffic on the roads - giving a substantial reduction in pollution and fewer accidents.

***preparing Lincolnshire
for the rail renaissance***



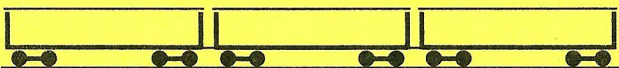
The current rail renaissance is all about growth. If Lincolnshire's rail freight facilities are to be expanded and developed then nothing short of a complete reversal of the post Beeching policies will suffice; although a minuscule freight yard at every country station is not envisaged!

Times have changed but accessibility to the rail freight network in Lincolnshire must be restored to encourage movement of goods by rail

RDS Lincolnshire is examining the potential for rail freight in Lincolnshire, North and North East Lincolnshire by investigating:

- ▶ sites where simple road/rail transfer terminals could be located
- ▶ commodities that lend themselves to immediate transfer to rail
- ▶ possible new flows for rail freight traffic
- ▶ the quality of the supporting road system

these are the seeds for a Lincolnshire Rail Freight Strategy



Long term visionary aims are for restoration of rail freight facilities at:

**Gainsborough Lea Road
Market Rasen
Sleaford
Boston
Grantham
Lincoln
Spalding/Donington**

Rail freight traffic has already returned to Boston Docks and at Grantham station where track infrastructure has remained in place. Also in Boston, a 'ready to use' freight facility already exists near Spalding Road.

Further west, new industrial estates adjacent to rail routes at Grantham and Sleaford have attracted interest from potential rail freight users.

Ideas are being floated for a rail freight facility to be located in the Spalding/Donington area – the hub of the vegetable growing industry.

Additional business is already being generated on the established routes in the north of the historic County.

Of particular concern to RDS is the fact that at present the City of Lincoln *cannot* receive or despatch commodities by rail. Opportunities to redevelop a freight facility were lost when the Holmes goods yard site was acquired by the new University, but it is now essential that a new site is identified and developed to serve the needs of the City.

What can YOU do to get Lincolnshire's freight back on to RAIL ?

- ▶ Join the Railway Development Society
- ▶ Write to your local councillors and MPs
- ▶ Tell RDS about potential sites where **rail freight** facilities could be established
- ▶ Tell RDS about potential users of **rail freight**
- ▶ Influence local businesses to use **rail freight**
- ▶ Influence planners, civic leaders and decision makers to think **rail**



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