

# Logistics for Wales

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## Wales needs logistics

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We believe that, by working in cooperation with the freight and logistics sector, the Welsh Senedd and Government can deliver a safer, cleaner and more prosperous nation for the inhabitants and workers of Wales.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown how logistics is essential to the everyday functioning of Wales: it can and must be part of the

solution to meet the challenges currently facing the nation.

To achieve this, we need:

- 1 A long-term Transport Strategy for Wales, developed in close cooperation with the sector, that will provide certainty to industry

to make the necessary investments in skilled labour and capital projects.

- 2 An urban environment that promotes rather than inhibits the logistics sector. The upcoming roll-out of the 20mph limit needs to be evidence based and introduced only where it is required.
- 3 New infrastructure to encourage increased public transport use, walking and cycling, whilst retaining capacity on major routes, kerbside access and access to residential streets for home deliveries.
- 4 The delivery of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure to support van fleets in the shift to zero emission technology.
- 5 Support to help attract, train and retain workers in the sector which faces significant shortages across the board, especially with the closing of the labour market to non-UK nationals for most jobs found in logistics.

## A Transport Strategy for Wales

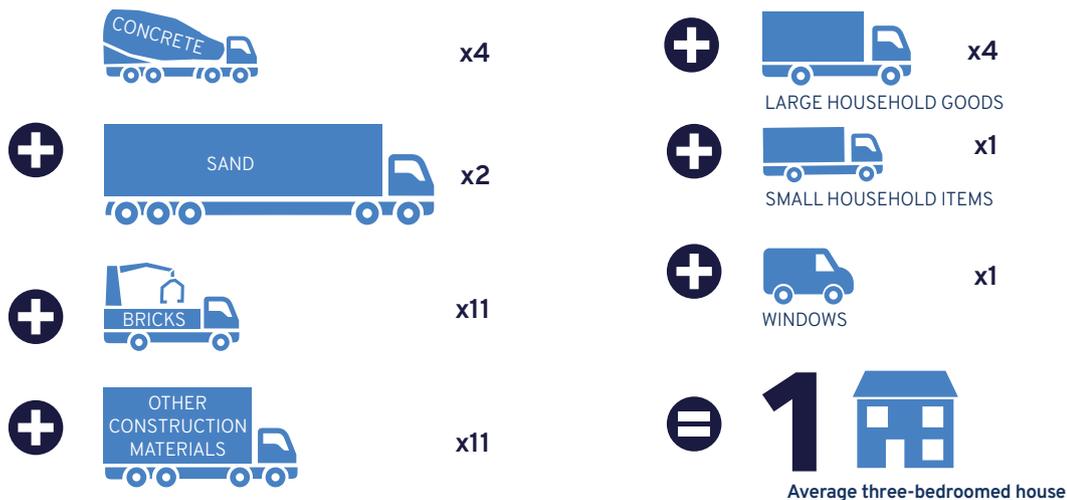
The Welsh Government published its draft Transport Strategy for Wales in late 2020, which set out its ambitions to shape the future of transport for the next 20 years. We

welcome the administration's recognition of the role and importance of the freight and logistics industry in the draft targets and goals for the Strategy.

### Logistics UK's key asks for the Transport Strategy

- 1 That the proposed Logistics and Freight Plan for Wales is developed hand-in-hand with industry and in coordination with other governments of the UK to ensure consistency across the entire nation.
- 2 That the Welsh Government listens to how industry is working towards a zero-emission future through new vehicle technology (eg, electrification and/or hydrogen) and offer public policy support to achieve this.
- 3 That interventions designed to help shift goods from road to water and/or rail should be evidence based and should not prevent the most suitable vehicle from being used.
- 4 That the freight and logistics is fully integrated into the Planning Rules for Wales to ensure the needs of the sector are recognised and provided for (eg, suitable and sufficient commercial vehicle parking along the Welsh road network).

### Delivering the house - the essential role of logistics in building new homes



## Logistics' role in improving the environment

Improving Wales's air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions is key objective for the Senedd – the logistics industry recognises this and has already delivered significant progress.

Through cohesive policies, the logistics industry can be part of the solution to reach the goals of progressively minimising emissions in Wales.

### Logistics UK's key asks for the environment

- 1 Avoid HGV regulations and restrictions that force logistics movements to unnecessarily replace a single vehicle with several smaller ones, resulting in increased traffic and emissions.
- 2 Assist the industry in moving to electric and alternatively fuelled vehicles by ensuring sufficient logistics land is available in the right locations and with the required refuelling and recharging infrastructure.
- 3 Promote public and active transport options for citizens, to encourage fewer car journeys that cause congestion on the road network.
- 4 Allow access to underutilised bus lanes for lorries, and review road layouts, signage and traffic signals – with the aim of delivering a smooth flow of traffic during common periods of heavy road use, to reduce congestion and lower emissions.

### Efficient urban deliveries



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## About Logistics UK

LOGISTICS UK is one of the biggest business groups in the UK, representing the entire logistics industry. Its role, on behalf of over 18,000 members, is to enhance the safety, efficiency and sustainability of freight movement across the supply chain, regardless of transport mode. Logistics UK members operate over 200,000 goods vehicles – almost half the UK fleet – and some 1,000,000 liveried vans. In addition, they consign over 90% of the freight moved by rail and over 70% of sea and air freight.

Logistics UK's mission is to make logistics safer, cleaner and more efficient. We seek to ensure that our members can supply our towns and cities with the goods they require every day, whilst reducing any social impacts – including air pollution. As information about the health impacts of some atmospheric pollutants has grown, the issue of lowering local air quality emissions has risen in its importance. The logistics industry accepts that emissions need to reduce compared to their historic levels.



**18,000** members make us one of the biggest business groups in the UK, representing the entire logistics industry.



Our members operate **over half** of the UK lorry fleet.



**300+** staff and associates are here to support the industry.



Our members consign over **90%** of rail freight and **70%** of UK exports by sea and air.



We handle over **50,000** queries from our members every year.



Over **200,000** heavy goods vehicles are controlled by our members.



We train over **10k** people every year.

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