

ITC NEWSLETTER

RESEARCH UPDATE

ITC prepares to launch Airports Report

The ITC will shortly be releasing its report on UK Airports strategy, entitled *Flying into the Future: Key issues for assessing Britain's Aviation Infrastructure Needs*. The study draws from evidence submitted to the ITC's Call for Evidence in Autumn 2012, and reveals the importance of good aviation connectivity for the economic and social health of the UK.

The report recommends a two-pronged approach for UK aviation strategy, based on the development of regional airports to meet local demand for short-haul connectivity, and investment in a major international hub to meet the UK's long-haul connectivity needs. Copies of the report are being submitted to the Airports Commission led by Sir Howard Davies in response to their calls for information on connectivity and hubs. All ITC supporters will receive a hard copy of the report.

ITC launches National Workshop Series looking at the Spatial Effects of High Speed Rail

Following the ITC's recent Call for Evidence (now online at: <http://www.theitc.org.uk/dyn.php?page=60>) we have launched a series of workshops around the UK to promote fresh thinking about the likely spatial effects of High Speed Rail. The first of these was held in Birmingham on 18th April, and brought together local stakeholders in the city-region, government officials, and those who submitted evidence to the ITC consultation. The second event for the Yorkshire region was held in Leeds on 7th May, and a number of ideas were offered for developing a better strategy for the arrival of HSR.

Further workshops will be held in Manchester and London, with a concluding symposium in London on 23rd July. An interim report will then be released offering an overview of insights on the spatial effects of HSR from the workshops as well as a summary of the ITC Call for Evidence.

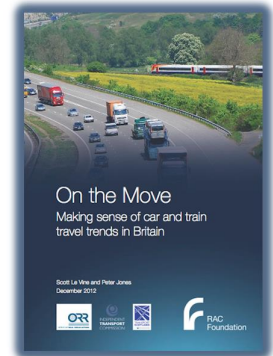
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ITC develops next phase of work on Road and Rail Travel Trends

Following the successful launch of the ITC's co-sponsored *On the Move* report in December 2012, the findings of which were reported in a special BBC programme (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-20526328>), we have been developing the second stage of research. This will help us understand much more clearly the reasons behind the dramatic recent changes in UK road travel, and the rapid rise in rail travel.

First, a study into changing trends in UK van travel has been commissioned which will report later this year. Second, the ITC and project partners will be updating the *On the Move* study to investigate travel trends during the 2008-2012 economic crisis as soon as fresh data is released in the Autumn. Thirdly, we will shortly commission a major research study to uncover the behavioural factors that are driving these dramatically changing trends.



ITC responds to Armit Review of Infrastructure

In January 2013 the ITC was pleased to submit evidence to the independent review of Infrastructure led by Sir John Armit. The ITC welcomed the objectives of the Review to rethink longer-term infrastructure planning in the UK, and has offered insights from its own research work and discussion events.

The ITC response noted that the challenge of developing a consistent strategy in our transport planning has been a major barrier to the development of robust national infrastructure. Longer-term transport and infrastructure planning are usually issues that should be above party politics, and the ITC evidence revealed that the key to solving such challenges lies in developing cross-party consensus. The ITC has since taken part in various consultative events held by the Armit Review.

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ITC EVENTS

19TH FEBRUARY DISCUSSION EVENING

Demographic Change and Transport

The ITC's first Discussion Evening of the year took place on 19th February, when an expert audience discussed the impact of demographic change on UK Transport.

Kris Beuret OBE chaired the evening, and insights were offered from guest a panel including Dr John Disney of Nottingham Trent University, Ann Frye OBE, and Peter Headicar from Oxford Brookes University.



Key issues raised by the audience included the need to adapt transport provision to accommodate changing needs, the importance of considering the impact of technology on older people, the need to understand more clearly whether differences in rural and urban demographics would continue to widen, and the need to develop better insights into the travel behaviour of various demographic groups.

1ST MAY DISCUSSION EVENING

Transport and Charging Mechanisms: what can we learn from the utilities?

How we should be charged for travel and the transport infrastructure we use are increasingly important issues for policy makers. With a wide range of reforms being mooted, the ITC held a discussion evening investigating whether transport can learn valuable lessons from other industries, particularly the utilities, about improving existing charging mechanisms.



ITC Chairman Simon Linnett chaired the evening, and discussion followed presentations from an expert panel comprising Alistair Buchanan CBE, Chief Executive of OfGem, Stuart Siddall, CFO of Thames Water, and Ramsay Dunning of Co-operative Energy.

The speakers provided informative insights into the charging mechanisms used in the energy industry, the water industry, and the operations of the Co-operative Group. Key issues raised by the audience included the need to develop public trust and confidence in charging mechanisms, the need to beware giving Regulators conflicting objectives, the particular problems faced by monopolistic suppliers, the importance of learning from charging practices internationally, and the preference of many consumers for simple and intelligible charging mechanisms.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

18th June: ITC Annual Lecture

6:15 to 9:00pm at the Science Museum, London

Fusion: Feasibility and the Future of Transport

The ITC is delighted to welcome **Professor Steve Cowley** (Chief Executive of the UK Atomic Energy Authority) and **Professor Richard Parry-Jones CBE** (Chairman, Network Rail) to deliver this inaugural ITC Annual Lecture. Transport Minister **Stephen Hammond MP** will give an introduction.

The Lecture will be followed by a reception in the Science Museum's remarkable 'Making the Modern World' Gallery.

10th July: ITC Discussion Evening on Freight and the UK Economy

6:15 to 9:00pm at the Alan Baxter Gallery, London

Discussion looking at how we can improve the efficiency of freight movements in the UK. The evening will be chaired by Nicholas Finney OBE, and guest speakers confirmed include Maggie Simpson, Perry Glading, and Peter Harris.

All supporters receive invitations to these events; to reserve your place please email Lucy Kilborn, ITC Events Secretary, at itc.events@outlook.com