

## **Transport Infrastructure around 57% of All Infrastructure Construction.**



In 2019, Infrastructure was the largest non-residential construction sub-sector with an output value of around £23bn. Transport Infrastructure which includes roads, rail, airports & ports, continues to dominate the infrastructure sector with around 57% of total construction output for 2019, of which the rail sector dominates with the roads sector coming in second.

Between 2014 and 2018 contractors output in the transport infrastructure (roads, rail and harbours sub-sectors) sector has been volatile, due to annual fluctuations in new roads output and year-on-year fluctuations in rail construction activity.

Road construction and maintenance is mainly being driven by the first phase of the 5-year RIS1, as part of the National Infrastructure Plan (NIP). Under this, funding has been put in for capital enhancement and renewals for the period 2015-16 to 2020-21 with over 100 major schemes to enhance, renew and improve the road network.

Other road schemes are being delivered as part of the multi-modal Transport Strategy for the North, which sets out the strategic options for future transport investment in the north of England to boost the Government's concept of a "Northern Powerhouse".

Rail output has been driven by a combination of major projects and regional frameworks and an increase in activity under Control Period 5 (CP5), which ended in 2019. In October 2019, the Government published its £10.4bn pipeline of 58 planned rail enhancement projects, which covers both short and long-term projects that could be delivered in the next 5 years, as part of CP6.

Looking ahead, the main threat to rail output going forward is likely to be delays to planned project timetables, the most significant of which is that the first phase of HS2 could now be delayed to between 2028 and 2031 rather than 2026 as was originally planned.

Output growth in the airports sector, is expected to be driven by long-term investment programmes at UK airports. There are numerous projects currently in the forward pipeline, with much of the construction being delivered through framework agreements and long-term investment programmes at a number of major UK airports, including Manchester Airport's 10-year investment programme - where construction is underway on the Terminal Two extension for completion in 2020 - Gatwick Airport's £1.2bn programme of works; and Heathrow Airport's £3.3bn, 5-year capital investment programme.

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