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The cost of delivering the first phase of HS2 is set to rise by £1.3 billion, the Government has admitted.

An article in the Mail Online says rail minister Andrew Stephenson announced the increase during his regular update to Parliament.

He said 'cost pressures' of about £800 million reported at the previous update had risen by another half a

billion pounds to £1.3 billion.

The increase is understood to be down to delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, and spending on plans to scale back the size of the terminal at London's Euston Station.

'Freight belongs on rail!' is the message DB Cargo UK plans to take to the heart of Government as part of a major new campaign launched.

The rail freight company is teaming up with some of Britain's biggest businesses to lobby the UK Government to set a legally-binding target for future modal shift and encourage other businesses to follow their lead.

The campaign was launched to rail industry stakeholders at the official opening of DB Cargo UK's new £7million rail freight terminal in Cricklewood, North London.

Merseyrail is celebrating 50 years of the Merseyrail brand this month as the brand was first seen on trains in October 1971.

It was then that the name 'Merseyrail' started to be applied to the Wirral line trains with the Northern line roll-out following the year after along with station entrance signage, timetables, posters and more.

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Voting is now open for the Railway Benefit Fund's (RBF) Heart of Gold Awards.

The charity received more than 100 nominations for the four categories - Lifetime Achievement Award, Team Award, Rising Star Award and Going the Extra Mile Award.

Voting is open until Sunday, November 7th.

[Click here to see the shortlist and cast a vote.](#)

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