

# Railway industry sets out key Coronavirus-related issues and concerns to Parliament's Transport Committee

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The Railway Industry Association (RIA) has published its submission to the Transport Select Committee on the impact of Coronavirus to rail businesses.

The submission sets out that:

- Whilst there has been positive engagement between rail suppliers and Government, Network Rail and HS2 Ltd, rail suppliers would like to see stronger engagement with clients like Transport for London and also the Train Operating Companies;
- Suppliers have welcomed the assurance that rail work should go ahead, where it is safe to do so;
- The industry's main concern is a hiatus or drying up of work; and
- Continued effective communication and engagement throughout the railway industry will be essential as the UK moves to the next stage of tackling the virus.

Darren Caplan, Chief Executive of the Railway Industry Association (RIA), said: "The past few months have

been incredibly challenging for many in rail, and it is noticeable and welcome that the railway industry has received such strong support from the Government and clients like Network Rail and HS2 Ltd.

“As our submission to the Transport Committee’s consultation shows, the twin priorities of the Railway Industry Association and our members has been to ensure the railway network can enable key workers and resources to be able to move around the country, whilst also ensuring the work suppliers do – working of course within the safety guidelines – helps rail play its part in spearheading economic recovery.

“We now welcome the opportunity to work with the Transport Select Committee, the Government, client bodies and other rail stakeholders, to accelerate work and ensure the railway industry can build even better world-class rail at home and abroad – with rail supply being a leading sector in helping the UK bounce back from the Coronavirus lockdown – in the months ahead.”

Click [here](#) to read the full submission.

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