

SLC grows strategy team thanks to new appointment

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SLC Rail, the rail development and delivery specialist, has appointed Andrew Helm as Head of Economic Appraisal.

Andrew has 20 years of experience in market forecasting and undertaking economic appraisals of transport schemes. He began his career at Steer Davies Gleave (now Steer) before continuing as a freelance consultant.

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- **SLC welcomes its biggest cohort of engineering graduates**
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This new appointment is a direct response to the changing economic landscape, which will allow SLC to further help clients assess and convey the value and benefits of rail projects.

Ian Walters, Managing Director of SLC Rail said: "Covid has resulted in many changes to the way the rail industry can plan and forecast demand for transport.

“Combine this with a tough economic environment and it’s never been more challenging for non-industry railway scheme promoters to bring about change and make social, economic, and environmentally important rail investments a reality.

“That’s why we’re delighted to welcome Andrew to our business; his experience and understanding will build on the work with forecasting teams to help our clients create compelling business cases and have a comprehensive view of the future.”

SLC has been involved in over 50 rail projects since it began in 2009, helping to deliver significant investment strategies and projects across the UK. It is also working on the redevelopment of the Northumberland Line – the biggest third-party rail project in the UK directly developed by a local authority – and will see the reintroduction of passenger services and six new stations.