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CIHT supports the rapid delivery of the enhanced capacity and connectivity that high speed rail will bring to the United Kingdom's north-south rail network. That capacity, with benefits for users of both the rail and road networks, including freight movements, together with the broader economic benefits anticipated in terms of connectivity and job creation needs to be delivered to a robust timetable, supported by clear justification.

Certainty of timing and clear information about the benefits of the project will help to ensure the support of all stakeholders and that the right resources can be put in place to ensure delivery. Uncertainty, either in terms of the project's aims or timetable, will lead to benefits not being realised, costs increasing, and difficulties in addressing objections. CIHT will support work to remove that uncertainty.