

Freight

Road Freight

The efficient movement of freight is essential to support economic growth. In addition to supporting existing businesses, freight movements provide opportunities to generate additional employment through the creation of logistical and freight industries. The central location of Coventry and its high level of access to the strategic route network strengthens this opportunity.

On-street lorry parking, particularly around major employment and distribution sites, can create highway safety issues. These issues arise through a combination of factors such as specific delivery slots resulting in vehicles waiting on-street, and a lack of dedicated onsite HGV parking. Where new developments are expected to require large numbers of lorry movements, appropriate parking and turning facilities must be provided onsite to minimise disruption on the public highway.

Rail Freight

There is currently limited scope for additional rail freight access within the city. Opportunities for additional facilities which arise within the plan period will generally be supported but will need to be assessed on their individual merit and be consistent with the relevant rail industry plans.

Air Freight

The role and usage of Coventry airport has fluctuated over time, but it continues to cater for business/general aviation, air mail, bulk freight and other niche functions. Having good local access to air freight facilities offers opportunities to improve supply chains and therefore attract new investment into the area.

Policy AC7: Freight

1. New developments on sites which generate or are likely to generate significant HGV movements must accommodate appropriate on-site lorry parking and turning facilities to minimise disruption and safety issues on the public highway.
2. New development which supports the use of rail and air freight facilities will be supported where there is an evidenced demand, proposals are consistent with the relevant air and rail industry plans, have an acceptable environmental impact and do not significantly compromise the capacity and safety of the local highway network.