

[Better Value Rail Toolkit launches for more efficient rail projects](#)

News story

New toolkit launched to bring together the best ideas for rail projects and make the delivery of transport infrastructure projects faster and cheaper.



The Department for Transport (DfT), Network Rail and the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) are officially launching the [Better Value Rail \(BVR\) Toolkit](#) today (13 August 2021).

This is an online space that those sponsoring rail projects and their advisors can use to help make the right decisions early on in rail projects. It will help deliver projects more quickly, save money and make sure that rail is the best fit for any given project.

The site has been jointly developed by the DfT, Network Rail and ORR.

[Better Value Rail](#)

Rail Minister Chris Heaton-Harris said:

This is a brilliant new website that brings together the best thinking and ideas from across the rail industry and allows everyone to access it.

We have created a toolkit for early-stage thinking that will make the delivery of transport infrastructure projects faster and cheaper as we build back better on our railways.

Network Rail's chief executive Andrew Haines said:

The Better Value Rail toolkit has been developed based on listening extensively to stakeholders about how we can provide clear advice

and support, be easier to do business with and help ensure focus on schemes that have a good chance of being delivered.

That's why we believe the toolkit will help us turn good ideas into great schemes, delivering for passengers, local communities and the taxpayer.

John Larkinson, chief executive at ORR, said:

We have to make sure that money available to develop new rail schemes is used wisely. I'm pleased that the rail industry has worked closely together here, and as a joint team, to help people develop projects.

The toolkit is a one-stop shop to help make better decisions earlier and identify the right solutions to drive better value by saving time and money.

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