Moving people

Light rail carries more passengers

- British light rail systems carry 179 million passengers every year.

- Just EIGHT systems transport one-sixth the total number of rail passengers.

- Some light rail systems have more passengers than an inter-city train operator.

- DLR carries more than Thameslink or Central Trains.

Manchester Metrolink and Croydon Tramlink each carry more than GNER or Virgin West Coast.

- Light rail use is increasing by 9 per cent in 2007 compared with 2006 on a like for like basis.

- Light rail attracts people out of their cars.

[SOURCE: Light rail figures: DfT as above; Rail figures: Office of Rail Regulation]