# The future for rail franchising and rail investment

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 | 6 pm ICE | One Great George Street | London | SW1P 3AA



The franchising of rail services is controversial, both within and outside the rail industry, and recent decisions have also reversed or cast doubt on previous investment commitments, especially to electrification. In this address, Stephen Joseph will summarise recent research on the challenges

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facing rail franchising and the rail industry and suggest ways forward. He will also look at future rail investment and what the priorities are for passengers, freight users and the wider community.

#### Speaker: Stephen Joseph, Campaign for Better Transport

Stephen Joseph has been Chief Executive of Campaign for Better Transport since 1988. His wide-ranging expertise and contacts have helped to make the organisation the country's leading transport NGO. The last 20-plus years have had many highlights for Stephen, including persuading the Treasury to cut the road-building programme in the 1990s, campaigning against the privatisation of the railways and running a Sardine Man campaign to highlight the overcrowded state of this country's 'sardine tin' trainsStephen was a member of the Commission for Integrated Transport from 1999-2005, having been one of the panel of external advisers on the Transport White Paper 1997-8, and was a member of the Standing Advisory Committee on Trunk Road Assessment (SACTRA) during its inquiry on transport and the economy. He was also on the steering group for the Government's road user charging feasibility study 2003-4. More recently he has been a member of challenge panels or advisory groups for Government plans on high-speed rail, eco-towns, transport appraisal and the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. He was awarded the OBE (Order of the British Empire) in 1996 for services to transport and the environment, and received an honorary doctorate from the University of Hertfordshire in November 2010.

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#### Programme

17:30 – 17:55 Refreshment will be served 17:55 – 18:00 Moving to Godfrey Mitchel Theatre 18:00 – 18:45 Lecture 18:45 – 19:00 Q & A

### **Event Registration:**

If you would like to attend please use the following link to reserve your place: <u>https://www.ice.org.uk/events/the-future-of-rail-franchising</u>

### **Attendance Certificate ( RCEA Members Only)**

Please inform Elira Alushi (<u>elira.alushi@ice.org.uk</u>) if you are an RCEA member and would like an attendance certificate (RCEA members only).