

GREEN AND PLEASANT LAND (or how it could have been)

An alternative timeline based on transport in the United Kingdom of Great Britain

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1948

Formation of British Transport Commission.	Formation of British Transport Commission.
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1949

First test train of the 0-6-6-0-T Bullied Leader class locomotive.	Only test train of the 0-6-6-0-T Bullied Leader class locomotive.
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1951

BR Standard design locomotives introduced.	BR Standard design locomotives introduced.
Standardisation across rail system implemented.	Standardisation across rail system attempted.

1952

Modernisation of South London Tramways.	Closure of South London Tramways.
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1953

Executive barriers to the integration of the transport systems removed completely. London Transport coming in the Commission's brief.	Executive barriers to the integration of the transport systems removed apart from the London Transport Executive.
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1955

Road Haulage assets standardised in system.	Road haulage assets denationalised.
Fifteen year rail modernisation begun.	Fifteen year rail modernisation begun.
Multifuel (granulated coal, fuel oil and gas) fired boilers developed driving turbine motors	Electrification of principle main lines. Introduction of Diesel locomotives.
New rolling stock developed.	New rolling stock developed.
Permanent way and signalling upgraded.	Permanent way and renovated signalling upgraded

1956

Fear of Middle East oil embargo after Suez stimulates extensive renovation of waterways and existing oil pipelines are extended.	Commission takes no action after Suez.
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1958

Less efficient design locomotives replaced by new build post war designs.	Mass withdrawal of pre-grouping locomotives begun
Second generation locomotives begin to come into service. Passenger trains using articulated carriages and driving cab on the rear tested and start to enter service.	Electrification of the West Coast main line begun using the French A/C overhead system despite having already spent large sums on their own D/C system ten years ago.
More inland waterways are opened up and coastal shipping increased.	Preston bypass opens as Britain's first dedicated motorway.

1960

Newly renovated and widened canals increase their goods traffic.	First 72 miles of M1 motorway open.
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1959

Standardisation of all permanent ways begun.	Closure of permanent ways begun.
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1962

Commission starts to negotiate for the inclusion of aerial transport in its brief.	Commission is abolished.
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1969

First flight of Concorde	First flight of Concorde
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1994

Channel tunnel opened.	Channel tunnel opened.
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2007

Brochure publicising 60 th anniversary published in Commission journal	Increasing congestion causing regular delays in SE England. Rail infrastructure degenerating.
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2008

60 th anniversary of Commission.	<u>?</u>
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