Mobility in a carbon and space constrained age

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UK green house gas domestic emissions by sector, 2008





Breakdown of CO₂ emissions in the transport sector, 2008





Carbon constraints

 The Climate Change Act 2008 - sets a target to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the UK by at least 80% on 1990 levels by 2050

 May 2011 – announcement to halve carbon emissions by 2025, from 1990 levels:

> net emissions over this period should not exceed 1,950 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent







City size % urban population by settlement size in Europe



Less developed countries

2/3 urban dwellers now – 95% urban growth in the future



Shrinking Cities

More cities in the developed world

shrank than grew in the last 30 years.

Shrinking cities in the 1990s:

- UK 49 cities
- Germany 48 cities
- Italy 34 cities
- Russia 100 cities
- USA 39 cities



More people, more cars?



2 billion vehicles by 2020?

Historical & projected increases in global motor vehicle numbers



Car Ownership per 1,000 population of driving age 2007 Morgan Stanley Number of motor vehicles - Billions

What does this mean for future mobility?



congestion



flooding



Source: www.peopleandplanet.net/doc.php?id=627

motorisation



Cities house half the world's population but consume three-quarters of the world's resources and produce three-quarters of the world's pollution. Source: H Girardet. Cities People Planet. 2004

urban footprint



What else should we be thinking about?





In a review of over 200 oil companies in 2005, total exploration investment rose to a record US\$36bn. However exploration remains under a magnifying glass because discovered volumes continue to disappoint. For the third straight year, the industry failed to replace its oil reserves through the drill-bit.

Source: John S. Herold, Inc. /Harrison Lovegrove & Co. Global Upstream Performance Review, 2006 www.hargrove.co.uk/uploadedfiles/ GUPRAbridged2006.pdf

peak oil



There are currently 580M people over the age of 65 in the world, with 355M of them in developing countries. By 2020 70% of the world's elderly will be in developing countries.

Source: Old Age and Ageing in Africa, IFA Global Conference, June 2006

ageing population



techno-reliance





The overweight now outnumber the malnourished. While 800M people in the developing world are chronically malnourished, more than 1bn people now have a BMI (body mass index) that makes them clinically overweight, and at least 300M are obese.

Source: http://www.who.int/topics/obesity/en/

obesity



are there two cities within each city?



poverty

One fifth of the world's population live in countries where many people think nothing of spending \$2 a day on a cappucino. Another fifth of the population survive on less than a dollar a day.

Source: UNDP Human Development Report, International cooperation at a crossroads - aid, trade and security in an unequal world, 2005

How some cities have responded















urban mobility

low-carbon private vehicles

Japan plans to build hundreds of quick-recharge stations before plug-in hybrids enter the market in 2009. Japanese drivers will be the first in the world to be offered plug-in cars by the major carmakers.

Source: www.peakoiltaskforce.net

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Source: www.siemens.co.uk/pool/news_press/news_archive/ june_2008/sustainableurbaninfrastructure-studylondon.pdf

governance

"Urban transport is a political and not a technical issue. The technical aspects are very simple. The difficult decisions relate to who is going to benefit from the models adopted." Enrique Peñalosa, former Mayor of Bogotá

Source: www.pps.org/info/placemakingtools/placemakers/ epenalosa

Question: what should be the strongest policy driver for transport initiatives in the future?

- **1.** Economic vitality to attract employment, give access to work etc
- 2. Low carbon to reduce climate change
- **3. Health and quality of life** air quality, safety, active travel, flexible working etc
- 4. Energy efficiency reduce energy consumption etc to address peak oil and security of supply concerns

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