**G9 – Modal shift and alternative vehicles**

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| **Question** | **Things to consider** | **Evidence** | **Guidance available** |
| Can you move part or all of your consignment onto other modes of transport? e.g. rail, inland waterways | * Costs * Distance of trip * Nature of the goods being transported * Value of goods * Who is the customer * What are the lead times involved * Level of flexibility * Service reliability * Frequency of movement | Complete the document below which shows you have assessed the feasibility of moving your consignments onto other modes of transport. | The Department for Transport has published a report on the benefits of freight mode shift which can be found [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/freight-mode-shift-benefit-values-technical-report-an-update) |
| [Mode Shift Revenue Support Scheme](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/mode-shift-revenue-support-msrs-scheme-2015-to-2020) |
| Can you procure alternatively fuelled or powered vehicles? | What is the nature of the goods being transported?  Are there alternative fuelled or powered vehicles available on the market that matches your operational requirements? | Complete the document below which shows you have assessed the feasibility of using alternatively powered or fuelled vehicles. | LoCity Commercial Vehicle Finder tool  [www.locity.org.uk/locity-commercial-vehicle-finder/](http://www.locity.org.uk/locity-commercial-vehicle-finder) |
| Guidance, publications and funding information available on the [Office for Low Emission Vehicles website](https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/office-for-low-emission-vehicles) |
| LoCity offers e-learning modules for fuel efficient driving techniques and alternative fuel vehicles available [here](https://www.fors-online.org.uk/cms/elearning-2-2/) |
| The [Low Carbon Vehicle Partnership (LCVP)](http://www.lowcvp.org.uk/projects/commercial-vehicle-working-group.htm) has published a report on its emissions testing to compare the performance of a range of urban delivery commercial vehicles. |

This document is designed to help you provide evidence for meeting the modal shift and alternative vehicle requirement to achieve your FORS Gold accreditation. Your assessment needs to apply to all operating centres (OC) in the scope of accreditation. Where you have initiatives or interventions that are OC specific, please state which OC these apply to. Feel free to attach further information that would support the evidence provided.

**Modal shift assessment**

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| 1. Describe the type of goods currently being moved |  |

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| 1. For operating centres within the scope of accreditation, what percentage of movements are currently by: |
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| 1. Have you reviewed the guidance documents listed in the table above? |
| Yes:  No: |

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| 1. Is there potential for you to increase the use of non-road transport modes? |
| Yes:  No: |

**If yes:**

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| 4.a. Which modes could you utilise more frequently? |
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| 4.b. Describe how you could increase the mode share? |
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| 4.c. What would be the likely timescales involved? |
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| 4.d. What benefits could you gain from modal shift? |
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**If no:**

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| 1. Describe the barriers to implementation: |
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**Alternatively fuelled or powered vehicle assessment**

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| 1. Have you reviewed the guidance documents listed in the table above regarding alternative vehicles? |
| Yes:  No: |

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| 1. Are there currently alternatively fuelled or powered vehicles available on the market suitable for your operations? |
| Yes:  No: |

**If yes:**

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| 2.a. Describe what these are and how they could be used for your operations |
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| 2.b. Describe the barriers to implementing alternatively fuelled or powered vehicles in your fleet |
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| 2.c. What are the likely timescales for implementing alternatively fuelled or powered vehicles in your fleet? |
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| 1. Do you currently have any alternatively fuelled or powered vehicles in your fleet? |
| Yes:  No:  *If yes, please attach evidence of these vehicles to this assessment* |

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| 1. If modal shift and the use of alternatively fuelled or powered vehicles are not a viable option for your company, please state what practices you employ/intend to employ to reduce environmental impacts. For example, vehicle design (tear drop trailers), efficient driving techniques, routing and scheduling, etc. |
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