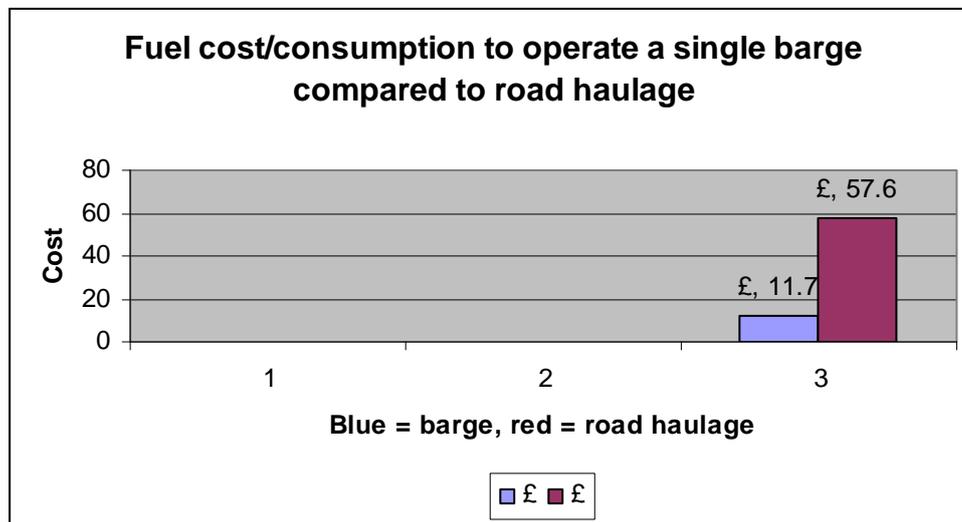


- Each barge requires 90-litres of gas oil @ .13 of a litre per tonne to operate. A lorry requires the equivalent of 9 miles to the gallon of diesel, equal to 36 litres x 1.6 litres per tonne
- Barges consume 50 times less fuel than the road fuel required by a single lorry



Investment

To facilitate the new riverborne freight service, several million pounds have been invested in the infrastructure to ensure the sustainability of the service.

Freight Facilities Grant

CEMEX applied for, and secured, a £1 million Freight Facilities Grant from the Department for Transport and used it to establish the handling equipment at its wharves at Ripple and Ryall.

Individual Investment

- CEMEX funded over £2 million to match the government's grant and develop the infrastructure
- British Waterways invested £300K by dredging the Gloucester docks and improving the lock gates
- Thompson River Transport invested £300K in two motor barges: *Perch*; a former mud hopper and *Transient* which has the capacity to carry 558-tonnes of cargo

Thompson River Transport

Graham Thompson the owner and operator of Thompson River Transport says together the partners have broken new ground:

“The partnership between CEMEX and Thompson is a success. In addition, the new service has created new jobs for local people and we have invested in their training which benefits the whole community. We are looking forward to the extension of the service.”