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## **Eurotunnel sets new historical traffic records for summer 2017**

Summer 2017 has seen Eurotunnel set new traffic records for Le Shuttle Passenger service. With almost 564,000 vehicles<sup>1</sup> carried over the period from 17 July to 3 September, traffic grew by 2% compared to the same period in 2016, which was itself a record year.

Beyond the traffic records, it is interesting to note that recent investments in the premium service, like the opening of the new Flexiplus lounge in France on 15 July, are also bearing fruit with bookings for this category up by 6%. In addition, Le Shuttle has seen Frequent Traveller bookings increase by 12%, proof that a weak pound is no obstacle to our customers when they want to journey to France.

Other traffic records set over the summer include: almost 77,500 pets travelled with their owners alongside some 620 horses<sup>2</sup>, respectively increases of 8% and 25% compared to 2016, the year of the previous records.

**Jo Willacy, Eurotunnel Commercial Director**, stated: *"Our customer numbers continue to grow alongside their loyalty to our service. I can only thank them on behalf of all our staff for the confidence they have shown in us. The Le Shuttle frequency of departure and the speed of service are key factors in booking decisions"*.

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<sup>1</sup> Exactly 563,750

<sup>2</sup> Exactly 77,472 pets and 614 horses