

Services provided by Network Rail

In broad terms, these can be categorised as follows:

1. Contestable Services:
 - Project development
 - Design management
 - Scheme implementation through management contracting
2. Non-Contestable Services:
 - Asset protection
 - Asset information and booking of possessions
 - Engineering safety management
 - Certain necessary consents.

The following list of services is indicative for guidance purposes only, but outlines those that Network Rail can provide to a promoter in order to facilitate an enhancement project under the appropriate enhancement template agreement.

Projects must be considered on an individual basis to determine the specific requirements and whether provision of a particular service is appropriate. Typically Network Rail and the promoter will review these and agree on appropriate services.

Development, design management and implementation Services

Development, design management and implementation services are generally considered to be contestable in nature and are associated with facilitating an enhancement project on behalf of a promoter. The service may be procured by Network Rail from its supply chain (contractors and consultants) and include the following items:

- Programme management services including:
 - programme management and integration services;
 - project management services;
 - procurement, appointment and management of sub-consultants;
 - quality assurance;
 - logistics and access planning;
 - constructability review;
 - risk and value management (programme and project);
- Systems integration;
- In-house design studies;
- Maintenance, operation and performance assessments;
- Technical review and validation;
- Operation, maintenance, renewal and performance input into design development;
- Timetable development and assessment;
- Development of acceptance criteria and management of acceptance;
- Support in connection with the application for and exercise of powers under a Transport and Works Act Order;
- Identification of issues related to coordination with other railway projects;
- Technical and operational assistance;
- Network integration and co-ordination services;
- Compliance checking of statutory and regulatory obligations;

- Site surveys and other geotechnical investigations;
- Administration and management of rail industry processes;
- Providing advice on the details of relevant maintenance, performance and renewal strategies to assist in development process;
- Facilitating access to the network for the carrying out of agreed enabling works;
- Agreement of acceptance criteria, but not specific design acceptance, where applicable up to final agreement;
- Facilitating use of statutory consents, including permitted development rights, where appropriate; and
- Property related advice.

Asset Protection Services:

Network Rail will provide Asset Protection Services in a facilitative role including the following items. These are generally considered to be non-contestable in nature and are associated with protecting the integrity and safety of the rail network.

(A brief description of the Approval in Principle process is given in Appendix J).

Safety:

- Access to the network, including audit and compliance review of project safety management system;
- Agreement of level crossing risk assessments and forwarding to HMRI for approval;
- Acceptance of Contractor Assurance Cases;
- Acceptance of Project Safety Case (through Safety Review Group / Rolling Stock Acceptance Board);
- Acceptance of compliance with Network Rail Safety and Environmental Plan;
- Acceptance of proposed changes, including designs, drawings and operational layout safety, within engineering safety management processes;
- HMRI and LFEPA (LFCDA) acceptance submission, where Network Rail is the duty holder.

Access to data:

- Access to company standards, Sectional Appendix and hazard directory;
- Access to and provision of details of current versions of drawings, asset data; and relevant information, etc, in relation to the existing network.

Engineering Strategies:

- Acceptance of maintenance regime processes and strategies (including IMC interface strategy);
- Engineering strategy proposals for the application and integration of new technologies, including product acceptance (and forward to HMRI for type approval if required);
- Acceptance of maintainability criteria, performance measures, acceptance criteria, and reliability criteria processes, both project specific and route wide application;
- Handback strategy.

Railway Operations

- Publication of operating notices;
- Timetable - agreement of appropriateness of development timetable in relation to train service specification;
- Administration of possessions booking;
- Publication of notices under the Network Code station change, network change, depot change - see Appendix I for a brief description of these processes;
- Agreements for utilisation of existing operational land and railway assets.