



Network Rail  
Freedom of Information  
The Quadrant  
Elder Gate  
Milton Keynes  
MK9 1EN

T 01908 782405  
E [FOI@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:FOI@networkrail.co.uk)

██████████  
██  
  
4<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear ██████████

**Information request**

**Reference number:** FOI2017/00510

Thank you for your request of 18<sup>th</sup> April 2017. You requested the following information:

*"I have tried everywhere to find out Reading Station platform lengths for an international research project we are doing to compare Station platform lengths in countries such as Germany, China, Japan where platform lengths are much longer (+400 meters) than generally in the UK and compare with busy UK stations and whether shorter platform lengths really impact on passenger experience or not.*

*Reading station has recently been refurbished and is an example of the best station the UK can currently provide as a major network node. Also new rolling stock with the Hitachi 800/801/AT300 series will be introduced as well as Crossrail.*

*Various operators use Reading including South West Trains (Platforms 4-6), Cross Country (Platforms 3-15), GWR (Platforms 1-15) and the Elizabeth Line (Platforms 12-15).*

*Can you please provide me with details in meters of each platform in order that I can calculate maximum train lengths which could theoretically use each platform – some platforms should be of similar length which are;*

- Platforms 1 & 2*
- Platforms 4 – 6*
- Platforms 10 & 11*
- Platforms 12 – 15*

*Platforms 3, 7, 8, 9 we believe will have individual lengths”*

I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2 of the EIRs (section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA, but requires us to consider it under the EIRs).

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested. Please see the attached document which sets out the platform lengths for Reading Station.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at [FOI@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:FOI@networkrail.co.uk) or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in all future communications.

Yours sincerely

Robert Malcolm  
Information Officer

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs) can also be used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder. Please contact me if you wish to re-use the information and need to seek the permission of the copyright holder.

### **Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the FOI Compliance and Appeals Manager at Network Rail, Freedom of Information, The Quadrant, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1EN, or by email at [foi@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:foi@networkrail.co.uk). Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

ELR	StructureSubType	TrackCode	StartDistance	EndDistance	StructureDescription	Start Metres	End Metres	Total
BKE	Platform	2100	035,72,13	036,08,11	Reading Station Platform 7	57787	58107	320
BKE	Platform	3601	036,01,10	036,07,09	Reading Station Platform 1	57966	58085	119
BKE	Platform	3602	036,01,10	036,07,09	Reading Station Platform 2	57966	58085	119
BKE	Platform	3603	036,01,10	036,07,15	Reading Station Platform 3	57966	58091	125
MLN1	Platform	1511	035,55,21	035,69,08	Reading Station Platform 11	57453	57722	269
MLN1	Platform	2100	035,67,21	036,04,02	Reading Station Down Main Platform 9	57694	58019	325
MLN1	Platform	2508	035,67,21	036,03,13	Reading Station Down Main Loop Platform 8	57694	58009	315
MLN1	Platform	1100	035,69,18	036,03,11	Reading Station Up Relief Platform 10	57732	58007	275
MLN1	Platform	2200	035,69,21	036,04,08	Reading Station Down Relief Platform 12	57734	58024	290
MLN1	Platform	1200	035,71,21	036,05,19	Reading Station Platform 15	57775	58054	279
MLN1	Platform	2513	035,72,00	036,06,04	Reading Station Platform 13	57775	58061	286
MLN1	Platform	1514	035,72,01	036,06,05	Reading Station Platform 14	57776	58062	286
RDG2	Platform	3604	068,54,18	068,69,00	Reading Station Platform 4	110538	110823	285
RDG2	Platform	3605	068,54,18	068,69,00	Reading Station Platform 5	110538	110823	285
RDG2	Platform	3606	068,54,18	068,69,00	Reading Station Platform 6	110538	110823	285