

**OPERATIONAL PLANNING TRACK ACCESS GROUP
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 16-Mar-2022**

Microsoft Teams Meeting - All holders of Track Access Contracts were invited to attend.

Present:	Mark Walker	Arriva Rail London	Dave Marrison	Sheffield Supertram
	Sue Rhymes	Avanti West Coast	David Rourke	South Western Railway
	Suad Chowdhury	c2c Rail	Chris Hassall	TransPennine Express
	Andrew Danson	Cross Country	Russell Parish	Transport for London
	Nigel Oatway	DB Cargo	Gary Davies-Knight	Transport for Wales Rail
	Chris Patman	East Coast Trains (Lumo)	Chris Dellard	Transport for Wales Rail
	Lanita Masi	East Midlands Trains	Navdeep Brahmhatt	West Midlands Trains
	Chris Matthews	Freightliner		
	Ian Kapur	GBRF	Chris Meadows	Network Rail
	Darren Gay	Govia Thameslink Railway	Chris Rowley	[Chair] Network Rail
	Chris Hanks	Grand Central Railway	Katherine McManus	Network Rail
	Rob Holder	Great Western Railway	John Thurgood	Network Rail
	Catherine Rowe	Greater Anglia	Mike Pybus	Network Rail
	Louise Mendham	Hull Trains	Peter Northfield	Network Rail
	Amanda Clarke	LNER	Richard Wall	Network Rail
	George Williams	Merseyrail	Stuart Day	Network Rail
	Jonathan James	MTR Crossrail		
	Matt Green	North Yorkshire Moors Railway	Gareth Clancy	[Observer] Office of Rail and Road
	Alex Bateman	Northern Railway		

Min No.	Agenda Item	Action / Comment	Action Owner
OPTAG/0007	Unused Access Rights	- Peter Northfield outlined Network Rail's proposed change to its previous position to take account of decisions being made on service levels for financial year 2022/23, and ongoing engagement with funders and ORR. - In discussion, some freight operators welcomed the proposal but some DfT contracted operators advised they may need clarification of DfT's position in order to voluntarily surrender rights, even temporarily. Peter said he would raise this in the ongoing discussion with DfT.	Peter Northfield
OPTAG/0008	Schedule 4 temporary arrangements (passenger)	- Richard Wall outlined Network Rail's intention to seek to extend the current temporary arrangement for notification factors, perhaps until the end of the Control Period. - Both TfL contracted operators asked for TfL to be approached on a similar basis. Richard agreed to do this.	Richard Wall
OPTAG/0009	Other Business	- Gareth Clancy asked about next steps for the Better Timetables for Passengers & Freight users (BTPF, formerly ITPR) programme. Chris Rowley and Katherine McManus replied that the focus will be (i) on working with the industry on Part D changes to be made over the coming 4 months, and on Phase 2 of the project which would start during this period and extend across the summer.	

DATE OF NEXT MEETING :

Next meeting is on **Wednesday 11th May 2022.**

Please contact OPTAG@networkrail.co.uk if you haven't received an invitation.