

## Appendix D: paperwork trail for Week 6 possessions

### 1. XCTL/Network Rail Engineering Access responses for Stafford Possession Week 6

NB – Possession shows as Week 5 as it starts on Friday of Week 5

Year	Reference	Week	From	To	Location	XC response V1	NR response V1	XC response V2	NR response V2	XC response V3	NR response V3	XC response V4
2015	P2015/ 1774237	5	01/05/2015 23:30	04/05/2015 05:30	Stafford NO.4 SB (SD4) to Stafford NO.5 SB (SD5)	Declined pending further discussion and until the impact on the train plan is better known.	NR will endeavor to carry out all necessary capacity studies. However owing to limited train planning resources NR will prioritise the capacity studies that are requested.	This possession will remain declined until capacity to divert an hourly service in each direction via Nuneaton has been confirmed. Also declined pending outcome of current conversations with Stafford Alliance about associated train plan details	NR will endeavor to carry out all necessary capacity studies. However owing to limited train planning resources NR will prioritise the capacity studies that are requested.	This item remains disputed until we have the final train capacity study confirming our paths via Nuneaton and our turnarounds at Manchester. Can NR supply a date for this please?	capacity study due on this item on 30th September	Remains in disputed pending outcome of capacity study due 30th September

2. XCTL/Network Rail Engineering Access responses for Gateway Possession Week 6

Year	Reference	Week	From	To	Location	XC response V1	NR response V1	XC response V2	NR response V2	XC response V3	NR response V3	XC response V4
2015	P2015/1775179	6	02/05/2015 00:01	04/05/2015 05:00	Birmingham New Street	Declined pending result of capacity study at Birmingham New Street.	NR will endeavor to carry out all necessary capacity studies. However owing to limited train planning resources NR will prioritise the capacity studies that are requested.	XC cannot agree this possession until it has been confirmed that there is sufficient capacity at Birmingham New Street for all services.	Train planning have been provided with all aspects of the Gateway blocks from Easter 2014 until the end of the project. Capacity studies for Gateway are high on their priority list. Gateway are examining their requirements for access in 2015, and will respond to access planning in due course.	Item remains declined. Please advise date of New St capacity assessment - we expect it to be prior to CPPP (when all access requirements and operator aspirations are known)	Access to be amended post Ver 4 to be significantly less disruptive, and will also be subject to a capacity study and trains meeting prior to DPPP.	Disputed pending 2015 Bank Holiday Gateway update as per NR's response. Is there a date for the updated plans for all holidays please including Xmas 2014?

### 3. XCTL response to Network Rail request to redete Wolverhampton resignalling into Week 6, TTY 2015

**From:** Rob Creasy

**Sent:** 07 October 2014 14:19

**To:** [Access Planning Specialist, LNW, Network Rail; Route Planning Manager LNW Route]

**Cc:** [Various in XCTL]

**Subject:** RE: REQUEST: LNW15-0012 - WEEK 06 - MD301 RUGBY TO PENKRIDGE (EXCL) (VIA BIRMINGHAM)(Wolverhampton resignalling)

[X]

Thank you for your email, on behalf of CrossCountry, I would be prepared to accept this request with the following conditions:-

- Network Rail to confirm that adequate capacity exists at Birmingham New Street for XC Services, this to include provision for Bristol to Manchester services to turn round at New Street (XX26 arrivals to form XX42 south), taking into account the restrictions on capacity at New Street with the Gateway possession.
- Network Rail to confirm that the paths that were used in week 22, 2014, for XC services to divert via Nuneaton are available again on all days that this possession is in place also that in particular freight capacity between Water Orton and Nuneaton will not prejudice our ability to divert services/obtain paths
- Network Rail to provide evidence of capacity studies/platform book to support the above
- Network Rail to confirm that the project has the resources, that technical issues have been resolved and that the Delivering Work Within Possessions (DWWP) process will be followed throughout.

I would suggest that invitations to DWWP meetings should be sent to Peter Roberts (copying me & Tamzin Cloke in), and I look forward to hearing from you concerning the capacity issues.

Regards

Rob

**Rob Creasy** Possession Strategy Manager, CrossCountry

#### 4. Various amendments to the possessions (13.11.14 – 12.12.14)

**From:** [Access Planning Specialist, LNW, Network Rail]

**Sent:** 12 December 2014 16:37

**To:** [truncated]

**Subject:** DECISION: LNW15-0042 - WEEKS 2,6,9,23 - MD301 RUGBY TO PENKRIDGE (EXCL) (VIA BIRMINGHAM) (Gateway amendments)

**EAP Reference:** LNW15-0042

Dear All,

Further to my email dated 25/11/14 NR will be taking the following possessions. Note that in week the No.3 through sidings possessions has been added to weeks 6 & 9, this means XC will need to use the No.2 through sidings.

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**From:** [Access Planning Specialist, LNW, Network Rail]

**Sent:** 12 December 2014 14:15

**To:** [truncated]

**Subject:** DECISION: WEEK 06 - MD301 RUGBY TO PENKRIDGE (EXCL) (VIA BIRMINGHAM) (Wolverhampton resignalling)

Dear All,

Following on from [X's] request dated the 21 Nov and consultation with operators, NR have decided to go ahead with the following Wolverhampton re-signalling commissioning possessions. There have been a few minor amendments to the traffic remarks around Stabling for LM and VT.

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**From:** [Access Planning Specialist, LNW, Network Rail]

**Sent:** 14 November 2014 11:05

**To:** [truncated]

**Subject:** RE: DECISION(WITHDRAWN): LNW15-0012 - WEEK 06 - MD301 RUGBY TO PENKRIDGE (EXCL) (VIA BIRMINGHAM)(Wolverhampton resignalling)

Dear all,

The **decision email may have caused some confusion** as to Network rails intensions. Network rail are still actively looking to carry out the re-signalling in week 6.

[Access Planning Specialist]

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**From:** [Access Planning Specialist, LNW, Network Rail]

**Sent:** 13 November 2014 09:48

**To:** [truncated]

**Subject:** DECISION(WITHDRAWN): LNW15-0012 - WEEK 06 - MD301 RUGBY TO PENKRIDGE (EXCL) (VIA BIRMINGHAM)(Wolverhampton resignalling)

**EAP Reference:** LNW15-0012

Dear All,

Please note that the **following possession request has been withdrawn pending further discussions with operators**. Once the outcome of those discussions is known a new request will be issued. Sorry for the lateness of this decision.

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## 5. Email chain between Network Rail STP and XCTL STP about the rejected trains

**From:** [NR STP]  
**Sent:** 26 January 2015 16:04  
**To:** Paul Boden  
**Subject:** RE: CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 6 OFFER

Hi Paul,

Just to provide quick update as of today.

We have contacted London Midland to request re-timing of a number of schedules into New Street which presently do not work with your services, if we can get agreement to these we are hopeful we will be able to develop compliant plan.

In response to your question **we did receive full details of XC plan off the back of the trains meeting and planners are aware of this**, however it is more the interaction with LM services which is the big issue particularly around New Street. [Truncated]

**From:** EXTL: Boden Paul  
**Sent:** 26 January 2015 10:29  
**To:** [NR STP]  
**Subject:** RE: CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 6 OFFER

[X],

I agree Saturday is a normal day but there seems to be further confusion with the offer for the Monday, as we bid to what Paul Prestwich told us, but some trains have been rerouted back via Selly Oak instead of Camp Hill. Why has this been done? **Were the planners informed of the 'agreed' plan?**

**Everyone was aware of what XC were doing at the trains meeting ... & the possessions were only agreed as NR said the trainplan will work.**

**Paul Boden**

Senior Short Term Planning Manager, CrossCountry

**From:** [NR STP]  
**Sent:** 23 January 2015 15:44  
**To:** Paul Boden  
**Cc:** Matt Pocock; Matt Rice; [NR STP]  
**Subject:** RE: CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 6 OFFER

Hi Paul,

Those trains are rejected at T-14, as bid they do not work at New Street (I am informed that the bid is based on Xmas plan which has significantly fewer trains). We are, of course, willing to revisit in line with the provisions in the Code 3.4.14 and 3.4.15. Neither I nor anyone in my team has intentionally manipulated the process.

I hope this clarifies.

Thanks very much

[NR STP]

**From:** EXTL: Boden Paul  
**Sent:** 23 January 2015 15:01  
**To:** [NR STP]  
**Cc:** EXTL: Pocock Matt; Rice Matthew; [NR STP]  
**Subject:** FW: CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 6 OFFER

[X],

67 XC trains were rejected on LNW because of issues with paths/platforms into/out of New St.

If it's still work in progress how can you offer at T-14? (isn't this a manipulation of the process)

**Paul Boden**

Senior Short Term Planning Manager, CrossCountry

**From:** [Operational Planning Specialist]

**Sent:** 23 January 2015 14:38

**To:** Adrian Knight, XCTL

**Subject:** CROSS COUNTRY WEEK 6 OFFER

Good afternoon,

Please find attached the Cross Country offer for week 06.

[Truncated]

**West Mids**

There are a number of rejections due to platform issues at Birmingham New Street. It is our understanding that West Mids have discussed this with Cross Country to make them aware of this issue.

[Truncated]

Operational Planning Specialist, Scotland Route STP

## 6. Network Rail's response to XCTL's capacity concerns

**From:** [Access Planning Specialist]

**Sent:** 12 December 2014 16:37

**To:** Rob Creasy

**Cc:** Paul Boden; XC Engineering Access Team; Tamzin Cloke

**Subject:** RE: REQUEST: LNW15-0042 - WEEKS 2,6,9,23 - MD301 RUGBY TO PENKRIDGE (EXCL) (VIA BIRMINGHAM) (Gateway amendments)

Rob,

As these possession show a considerable improvement in the restrictions at New St as published in the DPPP's (weeks 2,6,9). NR, will publish the decision based on the below, this is to allow planning to progress. There has now been a trains meeting to discuss operators requirements in week 6 and 9, currently NR are looking at the plan for New street and hopefully we will be able to confirm the capacity shortly. NR will be prepared to consider the possessions again further if there are any issues resulting from the study. [Truncated]