
ACCESS DISPUTES COMMITTEE

Current disputes snapshot

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Overview

- Timetabling Disputes (TTPs) remain the biggest workload for the Committee;
- TTPs are categorised by the Secretary as follows:

LTP Timing disputes: relating to the Version 2 and Version 4 Timetable Planning Rules (TPRs); the publication of the Working Timetable and New Working Timetable

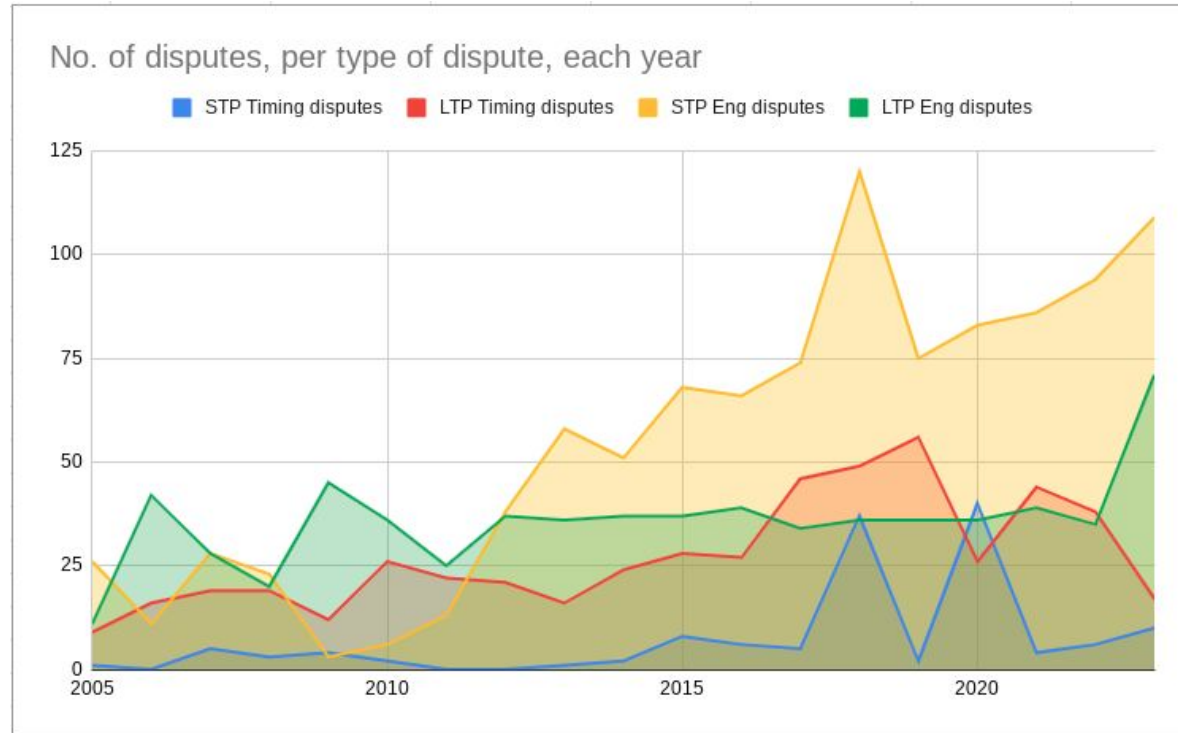
STP Timing disputes: relating to post-Version 4 TPRs; any amendments to the WTT/NWTT post-publication date (Train Operator Variation Requests, TW-14 decisions etc.)

LTP Engineering disputes: relating to the Engineering Access Statement (EAS) and any pre-Confirmed Period Possession Plan (CPPP) amendments to the EAS

STP Engineering disputes: relating to the CPPP publication at TW-26 and any post-CPPP amendments to engineering access;

- This report provides historical trends, followed by the latest comparisons by category (type of dispute / type of operator disputing)

Historical trends - Timetabling Disputes



NB - Prior to 2005 a different system was in place for timetabling disputes. See slide 2 for definitions. Key industry challenges (e.g. May 2018) can clearly be seen in the data.

NB - Prior to 2011 a different system was in place for hearings

Historical trends - Timetabling Disputes

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024 to 13.08.24	All time
No. of references	60	96	107	115	141	138	159	242	169	183	173	173	207	147	1963
No. of refs to hearings	10	16	7	12	7	10	31	16	17	8	13	13	31	24	191
% refs escalated to a hearing	17%	17%	7%	10%	5%	7%	19%	7%	10%	4%	8%	8%	15%	16%	10%
No. refs determined	2	6	3	2	5	2	9	6	3	4	1	0	9	5	52
% hearings ending in a determination	20%	38%	43%	17%	71%	20%	29%	38%	18%	50%	8%	0%	29%	21%	27%

TTPs by type of dispute / NR publication - raw data

	LTP Timing disputes	STP Timing disputes	LTP Eng disputes	STP Eng disputes
2024 to 14.08.24	19	4	52	72
2023	17	10	71	109
2022	38	6	35	94
All time	534	140	733	1104

Notes: these are numbers of timetabling disputes per calendar year. See slide 2 for definitions.

TTPs by type of dispute / NR publication - % split

	LTP Timing disputes	STP Timing disputes	LTP Eng disputes	STP Eng disputes
2024 to 14.08.24	12.93%	2.72%	35.37%	48.98%
2023	8.21%	4.83%	34.30%	52.66%
2022	21.97%	3.47%	20.23%	54.34%
All time	21.27%	5.58%	29.19%	43.97%

Notes: the % of timetabling disputes relating to engineering access has increased sharply in recent years, compared to historic splits. Those disputes now represent around 85-90% of all timetabling disputes. Disputes against the Timetable Planning Rules and WTT offers have fallen sharply.

TTPs by operator category - raw data

	DfT TOCs	Concessions/ devolved pax	Freight	Open Access
2024 to 14.08.24	64	38	43	2
2023	110	38	50	9
2022	108	20	43	2
All time	1321	365	720	105

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The majority of TTP disputes are lodged by DfT-supported operators.

TTPs by operator category - % split

% split between type	DfT TOCs	Concessions/ devolved pax	Freight	Open Access
2024 to 14.08.24	43.54%	25.85%	29.25%	1.36%
2023	53.14%	18.36%	24.15%	4.35%
2022	62.43%	11.56%	24.86%	1.16%
All time	52.61%	14.54%	28.67%	4.18%

Notes: the recent increase in disputes from concessionary/devolved operators and open access is mainly due to HS2 access on the GWML and changes to West Wales resignalling access in late 2023/ early 2024