ACCESS DISPUTES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of MEETING No. 74
held in London on 19 March 2026

Present:

Andy Wylie (Committee Chair)
Matt Allen
Jonathan James
Ian Kapur
Chris Matthews
Raj Patel

Apologies:

Kate Oldroyd

In attendance:

Tamzin Cloke (Secretary)
Leon Foster (observing)

It was noted that the meeting was quorate.

74/1 Approval of the Minutes of the 73rd Meeting held on 11 December 2025

These were approved and a signed copy will shortly be available on the Committee's website.

74/2 Matters arising from the Minutes of the 73rd meeting

All open actions since the last meeting had been satisfactorily closed. The Secretary noted that Network Rail Route Freight Managers had been extremely helpful in assisting with contact details for Resolution Service Parties holding Connection Agreements.

74/3 Matters determined in correspondence

No matters had been determined in correspondence since the last meeting.

74/4 Position on references

The Committee noted a report from the Secretary setting out the current position regarding dispute references. The number of live TTPs remained low, and there had been very little recent hearing activity. Non-TTP activity had also been extremely low.

74/5 Recommendations arising from determinations

Some new items had been added, following recent determinations. Of the existing items, Chris Matthews agreed to take forward an outstanding PfC that had been sat with Network Rail (**Action 74-01**) and, following extensive discussion between the Committee Members, to submit his PfC re: Network Code Parts D and G for discussion at OPSG (**Action 74-02**). One item, re: suggested Part D amendments following TTP2613 was added to the Chairs' Gathering agenda (**Action 74-03**).

74/6 Update on website

The Secretary provided an update on the website, which was up to date. A new subscription / mailing list function has been added to the Network Rail TTP determinations page.

74/7 Financial matters

a) Update on the Committee's current financial position

The Committee noted a report from the Secretary on this topic. A question was asked as to whether better interest rates were available. The Secretary explained that, in the current financial climate, unfortunately better rates were not available. It was suggested that the Secretary contact one of the freight operators to obtain contact information for an unpaid Connection Agreement levy (**Action 74-04**).

b) Final outturn for 2025/26 and budget proposal for 2026/27

The Committee noted a report from the Secretary setting out the final outturn projections against the current year budget, together with the final budget proposal for 2026/27.

The budget proposal for 2026/27 was approved. In approving the budget, as outlined in December's meeting, the Committee was satisfied that its position as an ongoing concern will remain protected.

c) Approval of 2026/27 budget proposal for CAHA Registrar Ltd.

The Committee approved the CAHA budget proposal, being substantially similar to previous years, and requested the usual annual report from the CAHA Secretary for the July meeting (**Action 74-05**).

d) Financial check

A financial check took place on 03 March 2026, undertaken by Matt Allen, who provided a report. No financial or numerical discrepancies were uncovered. One suggested action was for the Secretary to set up a separate Google account for the Secretariat to use during her annual leave (**Action 74-06**), with a mail redirect in place. Kate Oldroyd had volunteered via correspondence to conduct the next financial check (**Action 74-07**).

74/8 Employment matters: HMRC and legislation update

The Committee noted an update from the Secretary. The HMRC disclosure was now complete, and formally closed. The Secretary noted some upcoming legislative changes that would necessitate amending the zero hours employment contracts for two members of staff. She had sought early HR advice, and anticipated being able to come back with more detail at the July meeting.

74/9 Industry reform and ADC

Some more progress had been made on identifying required changes to the ADR Rules and Network Code, in order to get the Committee ready for 'Access Day', which was anticipated to be some time in late 2027. The Committee noted various updates and recent industry discussion. Draft PfCs would be circulated in correspondence, when ready.

74/10 AOB

The Committee noted that both Raj Patel and Jonathan James were attending their last meeting as Members of the Committee. The Committee expressed its thanks for their contributions over the years. Leon Foster would be the new Franchised Passenger Band III representative. Raj's resignation would necessitate an election, and she had already contacted the Class Representative Committee Secretary. The Committee noted there was still a NR vacancy on the Committee. Matt Allen advised that NR had nominated a replacement, however due to HR confidentiality he was not in a position to share the name just yet.

Approved via correspondence, in July 2026