

TTP1820 – Directions issued on 19th February 2021

The situation in this TTP has developed, with discussions continuing between the Parties.

ARL has made the following comments in an e-mail sent today to the Secretary:

ARL would like to formally request that the Hearing Panel is moved to 9th March as proposed. We believe that this will:

- Enable further joint working between ARL and Network Rail on the substantive issues covered in our dispute;
- Provide clarity on whether or not a compliant train plan can be delivered which accommodates the engineering access alongside a safe and operable amended train plan;
- Provides Network Rail time for the extension requested in the submission of its Sole Reference Document.

In these circumstances there is clearly no point in holding a hearing on the date originally selected (26th February 2021), but I can understand why ARL feels unable to withdraw its Dispute at this stage.

Therefore **I DIRECT** that the hearing should be adjourned to Tuesday, 9th March (at a time to be confirmed). If it is necessary to proceed with a smaller Panel than usual I shall do so, exercising my powers under Rule H18.

Given this, Network Rail need not file and serve its Sole Reference Document until 1600 on Friday, 5th March 2021.

Clive Fletcher-Wood

Hearing Chair, TTP1820

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