**RE: Easter 2024 Decision Criteria**

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Tue 24/09/2024 13:42

Good afternoon,

As previously discussed GWR do not accept the reasoning laid out in the decision criteria. The presentation provided by \*\*\*\*\*(NR) on the 03rd September showed clearly that demand on Friday, Saturday and Monday is greater than that available with the current capacity allocation of 14.5 trains per hour for all operators. As such capacity does not meet demand.

We have asked that NR re-looks at its strategy bearing this information in mind and we were firmly told that NR would not be doing this. As such we will be submitting an access dispute shortly.

Kind regards,

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**To:**  gwr.com>;

**Subject:** Easter 2024 Decision Criteria

All,

Please find attached Network Rail’s review of decision criteria regarding allocation of capacity at Easter 2025 when the relief and Poplar lines are blocked for four days to renew S+C at Acton East.

I remind freight operators that this work blocks Acton Bank throughout, so no through freight services will be able to operate.

Please forward appropriately within your organisations and don’t reply all if you have comments to make on this document.

Next step for affected operators is to liaise with Daniel who will be producing capacity studies in line with this allocation as happens for all other weekends in the Thames Valley.  The only difference here is the duration of the possession, and some changes to allocations on the Friday, Saturday, and Monday when compared to a Sunday.