

Directions issued on 10 July 2025

1. I am grateful to the Parties for their submissions.
2. Given the limited time available to determine this TTP, I agreed that the submissions should be by way of a brief summary only. It is helpful that in its submission Network Rail ('NR') has accepted that the Decision Notice issued on 04 July 2025, which is the subject of this Dispute, was issued without following the procedure set out in Part D for a Late Notice Possession.
3. It could be considered that this point alone should be sufficient to reach a Determination. Nonetheless, the Panel will be helped by a clearer understanding of the relationship between the two possessions cited by the Parties. The Panel will also wish to understand what Restrictions of Use the 04 July 2025 Decision sought to impose and how this Decision related to the earlier proposals.
4. GBRf refers to possession P2025/4005032, whereas NR refers to P2025/4114896. The date on which P2025/4005032 was cancelled seems to be clear. It is not entirely clear, however, whether there were any adjustments to the planned HS2 possession before its eventual cancellation. But the second and third paragraphs of NR's submission do not explain the chronology of decisions relating to P2025/4114896.
5. **Both Parties** are to submit a further brief explanation of these points by 1600 on Friday, 11 July 2025. I doubt if there is sufficient time for a single jointly-agreed submission to be drafted; if one can be submitted that would be desirable, but not essential. A highlighted map is likely to assist the Panel.

[Signed on the original]

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Hearing Chair TTP2673