

GB Railfreight

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Date 03rd October 2025

Dear **Tamzin**,

Notice of Dispute:

On behalf of GB Railfreight Limited, Company No. 03707899, at the registered address of 62-64 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3NH, and pursuant to Conditions D3.5.3 and D5.1 of the Network Code, I give Notice of Dispute with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited in relation to the Late Notice possession, which has been published as a Decision. This dispute is brought on the basis that GB Railfreight Ltd. disagrees with the decision contained in the following Decision Documents:

Week 02 Possession number 4251331

This blockade impacts on gauge specific services, namely 6X77, which is vehicle traffic operating between Dagenham and Mossend, GB Railfreight has not yet received any gauge clearance to facilitate the access in which Network Rail. No gauge cleared route means we are unable to operate this service during the period of this access.

Gauge clearance is required on the following sections of infrastructure:

Canonbury West to Finsbury Park

Finsbury Park via the ECML to Monktonhall Jn (plus Peterborough North Yard for possible refuel/loco change)

Alexandra Palace to Langley Jn via Hertford North.

Monktonhall to Niddrie South Jn

Niddrie South Jn to Craiglockhart Jn

Craiglockhart Jn to Slateford Jn

Slateford Jn to Midcalder Jn

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Midcalder Jn to Holytown Jn

Holytown Jn to Mossend North Jn

Further to the outstanding issue regarding gauge clearance, GB Railfreight have concerns regarding the amended timetable that accommodates all affected GB Railfreight services, we need confirmation as an industry what amended timetable will be in place. Currently, there is no supporting timetable study for this access, despite requesting this prior to access proposals going out for consultation.

Week 02 Possession numbers 4251331, 4251334, 4257811

Week 03 Possession number 4251845

Week 05 Possession numbers 4251832, 4251862

Week 08 Possession number 4251865

Week 09 Possession number 4251883

Week 10 Possession number 4252058

We are continuing discussions with Network Rail and do not consider there to be a requirement for the dispute resolution process to be expedited at this stage. However with CPPP being issued already, including this possession, if nothing has been done to gauge clear the route via the East Coast Mainline to accommodate 6X77, GB Railfreight expect to expedite this Notice of Dispute towards the end of October.

GB Railfreight will Dispute this access under the CPPP publication as well.

Parties which might be concerned with this matter other than as a Dispute Party are:

Freightliner, DRS, DB Schenker, TransPennine Express, Northern, Avanti West Coast, Cross Country.

Yours sincerely,



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Date 09th October 2025

Dear Jamzin,

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NW&C (North)

Week 02 Possession number 4251331

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Monktonhall to Niddrie South Jn

Niddrie South Jn to Craiglockhart Jn

Craiglockhart Jn to Slateford Jn

Slateford Jn to Midcalder Jn

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Midcalder Jn to Holytown Jn

Holytown Jn to Mossend North Jn

The following possessions have been requested by GB Railfreight to be supported with a timetable study, which have not been received yet.

Scotland

Week 01 Possession numbers 4248646, 4175879

Week 02 Possession numbers 4248821, 4080618

Week 03 Possession numbers 4248821, 4080618, 4080601

Week 04 Possession numbers 4082869

NW&C (North)

Week 02 Possession numbers 4251331, 4251334, 4257811

Week 03 Possession number 4251845

NW&C (South)

Week 01 Possession numbers 4043086, 4043097, 4043106

We are continuing discussions with Network Rail and do not consider there to be a requirement for the dispute resolution process to be expedited at this stage.

Parties which might be concerned with this matter other than as a Dispute Party are:

Freightliner, DRS, DB Schenker, TransPennine Express, Northern, Avanti West Coast, Cross Country.

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Date 06th June 2025

Dear **Tamzin**,

Notice of Dispute:

On behalf of GB Railfreight Limited, Company No. 03707899, at the registered address of 5th Floor, 62-64 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3NH, and pursuant to Conditions D2.2.15 and D5.1 of the Network Code, I give Notice of Dispute with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited in relation to the 2026 ARP Engineering Access Statement Version 2.

This dispute is brought on the basis that GB Railfreight Ltd. disagrees with, and cannot support, many restrictions of use decisions made by Network Rail throughout this document, which have severe impact to our customers and our business.

GB Railfreight Ltd. considers this matter to be a timetabling dispute and the Secretary is asked to proceed in accordance with Access Dispute Resolution Rule B5.

GB Railfreight do not consider there to be a requirement for the dispute resolution process to be expedited at this stage.

The following possessions are disputed pending the delivery of a supporting timetable study in accordance with severity 3 or 4 (as we have requested), as set out in the national train Planning Rules Section 7.2. Timetable studies requested owing to capacity constraints on the diversionary routes and to allow GB Railfreight to have accurate understanding of the impact to our customers and our business – it is not clear at present the full extent of what the impact is in relation to all the possessions below (listed as week number followed by possession reference):

Scotland

02 4080618

03 4080601

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03 4213927

04 4213942

LNE (N&E)

06 4104740

07 4104949

24 4122936

25 4123953

LNE (EC)

04 4018259

08 4108775

Kent & Sussex

05 4157202

Wessex

18 4160917

Western

07 4164974

08 4208956

09 4209062

10 4209025

Wales

20 4196505

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LNW (WC South)

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Date 06th December 2024

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GB Railfreight Ltd. considers this matter to be a timetabling dispute and the Secretary is asked to proceed in accordance with Access Dispute Resolution Rule B5.

GB Railfreight do not consider there to be a requirement for the dispute resolution process to be expedited at this stage.

The following possessions are disputed owing to the unacceptable level of impact to our customers and GB Railfreight. GB Railfreight are engaging with Network Rail on all these subject matters to avoid a dispute hearing:-

Scotland

Section 7, Week 39, Possession 4079744 - Possession means a complete loss of service between Christmas and the New Year for 5 days (Sat, Sun, MTW) affecting our customers who we serve from the Midlands and Yorkshire. The material impact to our customers during this blockade period will be hard felt as will the financial losses GB Railfreight would incur.

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LNE N&E

Section 7, Week 39, Possession 4083329 - The possession in it's own right is diverting biomass traffic via Hope Valley, meaning trains will need to be downloaded and diverted via Doncaster and ECML during the peak burn period. GB Railfreight do not believe this access is compatible with LNE possession 4084720 as per our comments at EAS version 1. GB Railfreight do not believe this access is compatible with WCML blocks as this too will divert traffic onto the ECML as per our comments at EAS version 1. There are X2 significant hits on X2 biomass flows at a time all services are most needed, there will be significant capacity constraints on the ECML for diverted services as well as constraints on our ability to resource services on these alternative routes.

Note the issue is with traffic running 27/12 and 28/12

Section 7, Week 39, Possession 4084720 - The possession in it's own right is diverting biomass traffic Doncaster RR then ECML - services will be at risk of capacity constraints . GB Railfreight do not believe this access is compatible with LNE possession 4083329 as this is diverting biomass traffic via Hope Valley, meaning trains will need to be downloaded and diverted via Doncaster and ECML during the peak burn period. GB Railfreight do not believe this access is compatible with WCML blocks as this too will divert traffic onto the ECML. There are X2 significant hits on X2 biomass flows at a time all services are most needed, there will be significant capacity constraints on the ECML for diverted services as well as constraints on our ability to resource services on these alternative routes.

Note the issue is with traffic running 27/12 and 28/12, the remaining part of this blockade to the 02nd January is disputed pending the production of a timetable study accommodating all diverted services on the ECML.

Anglia

New Section 5 on the T&H (EA1370) route to accommodate additional patrols, this has already been lodged as a dispute for 2025, this is to cover 2026. It is likely this will be withdrawn in due course pending further discussion.

Kent & Sussex

Section 7, Week 42, Possession 4078811 - Easement requested to allow traffic to run during the block or ease possession 4079563 to allow us to divert our services. GB Railfreight should not be suffering cancellations when a diversionary route should be made available (at the very least).

Section 7, Week 42, Possession 4079563 - Easement requested to allow traffic to run during the block or ease possession 4078811 to allow us to divert our services. GB Railfreight should not be suffering cancellations when a diversionary route should be made available (at the very least).

Section 7, Week 42, Possession 4074661 - Depending on the outcome of what Network Rail does with our concerns regarding possessions 407881 and 4079563. This possession (4074661) will have a bearing on the impact as well that needs to be considered.

Section 7, Week 42, Possession 4080665 - Depending on the outcome of what Network Rail does with our concerns regarding possessions 407881 and 4079563. This possession (4080665) will have a bearing on the impact as well that needs to be considered.

Section 7, Week 52, Possession 4074715 - This possession conflicts with possession 4074852 that blocks the diversionary route for Grain/ Hoo Jn traffic. GB Railfreight require a route to be made available to divert our traffic.

GB Railfreight

Section 7, Week 52, Possession 4074852 - This is blocking the diversionary route Grain/Hoo Jn traffic diverted by 4074715. GB Railfreight require a route to be made available to divert our traffic.

LNW North

Section 7, Week 40, Possession 4078035 - Disputed owing to the perceived impact on our services diverting them via ECML. GB Railfreight do not believe there is sufficient capacity on the ECML to divert the volume of freight. At the time of Network Rail making its decision, GB Railfreight does not yet have any diverted schedules to work from, we cannot fully assess the impact on our ability to resource the services as we do not know how many drivers we need, our ability to fuel loco's. GB Railfreight acknowledge that Network Rail has been collaborating with operators, however this is not necessarily with operators on required diversionary routes. GB Railfreight believe this access is not compatible with LNE possessions 4084720 and 4083329 as these will have an impact on network capacity on the diversionary routes.

Section 7, Week 40, Possession 4078078 - Disputed owing to the perceived impact on our services diverting them via ECML. GB Railfreight do not believe there is sufficient capacity on the ECML to divert the volume of freight. At the time of Network Rail making its decision, GB Railfreight does not yet have any diverted schedules to work from, we cannot fully assess the impact on our ability to resource the services as we do not know how many drivers we need, our ability to fuel loco's. GB Railfreight acknowledge that Network Rail has been collaborating with operators, however this is not necessarily with operators on required diversionary routes. GB Railfreight believe this access is not compatible with LNE possessions 4084720 and 4083329 as these will have an impact on network capacity on the diversionary routes.

Section 7, Week 40, Possession 4078495 - Disputed owing to the perceived impact on our services diverting them via ECML. GB Railfreight do not believe there is sufficient capacity on the ECML to divert the volume of freight. At the time of Network Rail making its decision, GB Railfreight does not yet have any diverted schedules to work from, we cannot fully assess the impact on our ability to resource the services as we do not know how many drivers we need, our ability to fuel loco's. GB Railfreight acknowledge that Network Rail has been collaborating with operators, however this is not necessarily with operators on required diversionary routes. GB Railfreight believe this access is not compatible with LNE possessions 4084720 and 4083329 as these will have an impact on network capacity on the diversionary routes.

Section 7, Week 40, Possession 4078508 - Disputed owing to the perceived impact on our services diverting them via ECML. GB Railfreight do not believe there is sufficient capacity on the ECML to divert the volume of freight. At the time of Network Rail making its decision, GB Railfreight does not yet have any diverted schedules to work from, we cannot fully assess the impact on our ability to resource the services as we do not know how many drivers we need, our ability to fuel loco's. GB Railfreight acknowledge that Network Rail has been collaborating with operators, however this is not necessarily with operators on required diversionary routes. GB Railfreight believe this access is not compatible with LNE possessions 4084720 and 4083329 as these will have an impact on network capacity on the diversionary routes.

LNW (WC South)

Section 7, Week 53, Possession 4043086 - Having a 7-day blockade of the WCML and that is the change in global shipping alliances which in turn means an expected increase in our WCML intermodal traffic with the shift to Thameside. This blockade will have a severe impact on the volume of containers we are able to move.

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Section 7, Week 53, Possession 4043097 - Having a 7-day blockade of the WCML and that is the change in global shipping alliances which in turn means an expected increase in our WCML intermodal traffic with the shift to Thameside. This blockade will have a severe impact on the volume of containers we are able to move.

Section 7, Week 53, Possession 4043106 - Having a 7-day blockade of the WCML and that is the change in global shipping alliances which in turn means an expected increase in our WCML intermodal traffic with the shift to Thameside. This blockade will have a severe impact on the volume of containers we are able to move.

Wales

Section 7, Week 53, Possession 4023696 - At the time of this Decision publication, the blockade's footprint and scope is being reviewed in light of discussions held on 13 November and we await the outcome of this review to fully understand the impact to our service.

Section 7, Week 53, Possession 4051409 - GB Railfreight have resistance from Network rail to support this access with a timetable study in accordance with the Impact Matrix Section 7.2 of the National Train Planning Rules. GB Railfreight are unable to support the access without fully understanding the impact to our service.

The following possessions are disputed pending the delivery of a supporting timetable study in accordance with severity 3 or 4 (as we have requested), as set out in the national train Planning Rules Section 7.2. Timetable studies requested owing to capacity constraints on the diversionary routes and to allow GB Railfreight to have accurate understanding of the impact to our customers and our business – it is not clear at present the full extent of what the impact is in relation to all the possessions below (listed as week number followed by possession reference):

LNE (N&E)

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| 41 | 4084732 |
| 42 | 4084733 |
| 43 | 4084843 |
| 44 | 4084818 |
| 53 | 4083390 |

LNE (EC)

| | |
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| 43 | 3959857 & 4070002 |
| 45 | 3959891 |
| 46 | 3959887 |

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LNW (North)

47 4075270

Anglia

40 4081493

40 4081331

41 4081574

42 4071047

45 4073966

46 4071697

47 4081534

50 4080421

52 4081573

53 4084596

Kent & Sussex

39 4030366

40 4085025

47 4080557

53 4126986

01 4127022

Wessex

47 4073814

Western

45 3917464

49 4051410

51 4079156

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Wales

53 4051409

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39 4020535

40 4064454

41 4067718

42 4020492

44 4020542

44 4074605

49 4074648

49 4074654

53 4043086

53 4043097

53 4043106

LNW (NW&C)

40 4078802

40 4070801

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