

9 day blockade timeline (Scotland):

15th November 2024: 9 day access shown in FWLA (Transition v2)

Response 06/12/2024 -

Week 02 possessions 4080577, 4080618 aligned with LNWN WCML blocks, however GB Railfreight has concerns regarding the ability to divert traffic via the ECML. There are also LNE blocks in the Sunderland area that will impact capacity on the ECML. The LNW blocks are also challenged because of this.

Please publish Section 4s between Mossend and ECML as NPP during this period.

Scotland advised protected paths have been input of diversionary routes during this period and issued as part of v1 publication.

14th Feb 2025: 9 days access published at v1

Response 21/03/2025 –

Blockade 9 days

Affected services to divert ECML - This possession is aligned with the Tri-Link blockades, GB Railfreight has made it very clear in Tri-Link meetings that we will only support these blocks if they are supported with a workable TT study that accommodates required diverted services on the ECML. Upon receiving the TT study with end-to-end timings we will then need to assess the impact on our customer (at Terminals) as well as our resources - possible route learning required and alternative locations to refuel will need to be assessed. GB Railfreight expect LNW to lead the TT Study.

If the Tri Link blockade is removed and Scotland area require this access - the same principle will apply.

Possession includes full weekend of week 3

April 2025:

Received an email on 28th April from GBRF querying whether Scotland works would be altered due to “abandonment of the Tri-Link 2026 blockades”. Scotland advised we would wait for the latest update at Deconfliction (meeting was held on 30th April and 1st May) before altering our plan.

Following on from the meeting, Scotland amended Week 2 access to 100hrs following by 52hrs in Week 3 and 4 and a final 29hr in Week 6 to ensure our full renewals programme could still take place.

16th May 2025: Amended to access at v2:

As part of response, advised of the changes to Scotland works.

Submitted Notice of Dispute but did not wish to expedite on 06/06/2025.

Response 06/06/2025 –

Access is disputed.

GB Railfreight notes this access has been reduced from a 9 day blockade to 4 days, however the same issue remains in regard to booked traffic affected by this access.

Tri Link access has been cancelled in this v2 publication; however, we do expect at some point, more access being requested.

As this has now been reduced to 4 days, GB Railfreight would prefer this to be amended to the week before (covering all Easter) as this will be less disruptive.

July 2025:

10th July - Meeting held with all affected operators to discuss North West Year 3 Recovery Plan Proposals with feedback that Scotland should align with NW&C.

August 2025:

1st August – replied to LNWN26-0005 REQUEST advising Scotland would align with NW&C works and revert back to our v1 publication. No response received directly from GBRF.

15th August - Reverted back to 9 days for Final Rules Publication at V3. Copy of publication attached but no further response required.

August/September 2025:

Included in DPPP on 29th August.

Received traffic remarks on 1st September to advise GBRF to divert via ECML/G&SW.

Noted on the minutes issued on 25th September

October 2025:

CPPP issued on 2nd October.

GBRF Request to Expedite the Dispute Process on 20th October.