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22 July 2020

Company Secretary
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
1 Eversholt Street
London
NW1 2DN

Network licence Condition 17 (land disposal): site of former Forres station, Moray

Decision

1. On 17 June 2020, Network Rail gave notice of its intention to dispose of land at the former Forres station, Moray (“the land”), in accordance with Condition 17 of its network licence. The land is described in more detail in the notice (copy attached).
2. We have considered the information supplied by Network Rail including the responses received from third parties consulted. For the purposes of Condition 17 of Network Rail’s network licence, ORR consents to the disposal of the land in accordance with the particulars set out in its notice.

Reasons for decision

3. We are satisfied that Network Rail has consulted relevant stakeholders with current information and no objections were left unresolved.
4. In considering the proposed disposal, we note that:
 - there is no evidence that railway operations would be affected adversely; and
 - no other reasonably foreseeable railway use for the land was identified.
5. Based on all the evidence we have received and taking into account all the material facts and views relevant to our consideration under Condition 17, we are satisfied that there are no issues for us to address.
6. We have had regard to our decision criteria in *Land disposal by Network Rail: The regulatory arrangements, October 2019*,¹ and balanced our section 4 duties given to us under the Railways Act 1993. In doing so we have given particular weight to our duty to exercise our functions in a manner which we consider best calculated to “protect the interests of users of railway services”.

¹ Available from https://orr.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1996/land-disposal-regulatory-arrangements.pdf.

7. We have concluded that the proposed disposal is not against the interests of users of railway services. In light of that and our understanding of the transaction as set out above, we grant our consent to the proposed disposal of the land.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Les Waters', is positioned below the text.

Les Waters

Duly authorised by the Office of Rail and Road

Property Disposal – Specific Consent

Application by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited to dispose of land in accordance with the Land Disposal Condition of the Network Licence

1. Disposal			
Type of disposal	Freehold Sale		
Rationale for disposal	Following completion of the Aberdeen to Inverness Railway Improvements Project (A2I) we have been left with surplus land to the west of the newly constructed road overbridge which is known as site of the old Forres Station. There is no access to the land from the nearest public roads and the site can only be accessed via two of the adjacent privately-owned industrial properties and has no immediate or future railway use. Both neighbouring landowners have submitted a notice of interest in acquiring the site.		
2. Clearance	Type	Reference	Date
Clearance Details	Business	CR/34538 expired and superceded by CR/44375	15 th December 2017 5 th May 2020
	Technical	CR/34538	7 th October 2019
3. Site			
Description of property for disposal	The property for disposal is the site of the old Forres Station which was demolished and relocated as part of the A2I Project. The track at this location has been redesigned and constructed to run in a straight line, as opposed to being curved in its previous form, and the station has been moved east to accommodate these changes. The works have left us with a plot of land 4.46 acres in size that we have no direct access to other than from the trackside. The site is fenced off around the east, south and west of the property and one of the conditions of sale will be that any proposed buyer bears responsibility for installing fencing at a suitable specification to the north.		

Attached plans and photographs: (all site plans should be in JPEG format, numbered and should clearly show the sites location approximate to the railway)	Attached plans and photographs: 5981676 Forres Sale-1.JPEG IMG_0361 IMG_0362 IMG_0364 Forres Old Station Site Forres Old Station Site 2
Ordnance survey coordinates	302896E, 858944N
4. Proposal	
Proposed party taking disposal	Unknown at this stage. The property is being marketed for sale on the Network Rail Property website conditional on receiving external industry stakeholder consent.
Proposed use / scheme	The site is expected to be used as an extension of one of the adjacent businesses.
Access arrangements to / from the disposal land	There is no access to the site from either of the two adjacent public roads, the A96 and Benromach Way. The only access available is via two of the neighbouring businesses to the west of the site, one being a timber yard and the other being a builder's merchant.
Replacement rail facilities (if appropriate)	Not applicable as no rail facilities will be lost by the proposed disposal.
Anticipated rail benefits	As the site is landlocked and Network Rail has no means of access/egress other than from the operational railway, the disposal of this site will remove a maintenance liability from the network.
Anticipated non-rail benefits	The sum received for the sale of the property will be reinvested within business.
5. Timescales	
Comments on timescales	We are keen to conclude the sale as quickly as possible, likely timescale for completion will be 8 weeks on receipt of consent to dispose.

6. Railway Related Issues

<p>History of railway related use</p>	<p>The site was the former location of the old Forres Railway Station. As part of the A2I Project, the station was demolished, and a new station was constructed within Network Rail owned land to the east of this site.</p>
<p>When last used for railway related purposes</p>	<p>The site was last used for railway related purposes in late 2017 on completion of A2I works in Forres.</p>
<p>Any railway proposals affecting the site since that last relative use</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>
<p>Impact on current railway related proposals</p>	<p>There are no current railway related proposals for which this disposal would have any impact.</p>
<p>Potential for future railway related use</p>	<p>As part of the A2I Project for the west in 2017, significant engineering works were undertaken at and around Forres station included the redoubling of the track, straightening of the track and relocation of the station. In light of this there are no additional works planned at this location within the long-term plan, therefore there is likely to be no potential that this plot will be required for future railway related use.</p>
<p>Any closure or station change or network change related issues</p>	<p>As above, the new station has been relocated to a more suitable location following the recent network change in 2017 as part of the A2I project.</p>
<p>Whether disposal affects any railway (including train operator) related access needs, and how these are to be addressed in future</p>	<p>This disposal will not affect any railway related access. There is a GSMR mast to the north of the site for which the A2I project created a safe access route for Maintenance staff which runs west from Forres station to ensure non restrictive access will be available at all times.</p>

<p>Position as regards safety / operational issues on severance of land from railway</p>	<p>The disposal will include arrangements under which the other party will install new boundary fencing along parts of the railway boundary, specifically north of the site, and sufficient fencing already exists for the rest.</p> <p>The disposal is on a basis under which Network Rail has had due regard (where applicable) to impact of the disposal on lineside works, including railway troughing, signalling and their maintenance. The disposal is without prejudice to Network Rail's safety obligations, with which Network Rail will continue to comply. Network Rail's network licence requires compliance with Railway Group Standards. These set out requirements for – amongst other things – fencing, access and signal sighting. In addition, the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006 require Network Rail to have a safety management system and safety authorisation in respect of its mainline railway system and its railway infrastructure. These, in turn, require Network Rail to comply with Railway Group Standards as well as its own internal standards; and also, continually to monitor changes to the risks arising from its operations and to introduce new control measures as appropriate.</p>
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7. Planning History and Land Contamination

<p>Planning permissions / Local Plan allocation (if applicable)</p>	<p>The site has been added and accepted into the Local Plan for industrial use. The buyer will be responsible for all relevant planning consent on completion of the proposed sale.</p>
<p>Contamination / Environmental Issues (if applicable)</p>	<p>There is no know contamination or environmental issues with the site that we are aware of.</p>

8. Internal Consultation

Internal consultation	<p>Following review of the Scotland Route Study, published July 2016, there was nothing contained within this document that was raised during the internal consultation period.</p> <p>With regards to the business and technical clearance certificates referenced in section 2 and attached to this document, technical clearance was initially rejected by our Maintenance colleagues on the basis that the access to the GSMR mast from Forres was not completed to their satisfaction. All outstanding items were resolved to Maintenance's satisfaction in September 2019 and the objection was lifted and clearance granted on 7th October 2019.</p>
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9. Local Authorities

Names & Email Addresses:	Moray Council Town Planner.
Local Transport Authorities:	
Other Relevant Local Authorities:	None

10. Internal approval to consult

Recommendation:	<p>By proceeding to consult I am:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• recommending that Network Rail consults on the terms of disposal• confirming that I have read and understood Network Rail's Code of Business Ethics and policy on Interests in Transactions• confirming that I have secured internal written approval to consult in accordance with Network Rail's policy on Authorising Application Forms.
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11. External Consultation

<p>Summary of position as regards external consultations</p>	<p>Stakeholders 28 organisations were consulted. Details can be found in the attached Land Disposal Consultation Report.</p> <p>An initial objection was received from Freightliner on the basis that the site had not been considered for rail freight. Following further communication, they withdrew their objection.</p>
<p>Analysis of any unresolved objections together with recommendation by Network Rail as regards a way forward</p>	<p>There are no unresolved objections</p>

12. Internal approval to dispose

Recommendation:	Based on the above, I recommend that Network Rail proceeds with the disposal.
Declaration:	I have read and understood Network Rail's code of Business Ethics and Policy on Interests in Transactions
Proposer's name:	Proposer's job title: Property Services Surveyor
Signed.....	Date.....18/05/2020.....
Authorised by (name):	Authoriser's job title: Property Services Manager
Signed.....	Date.....







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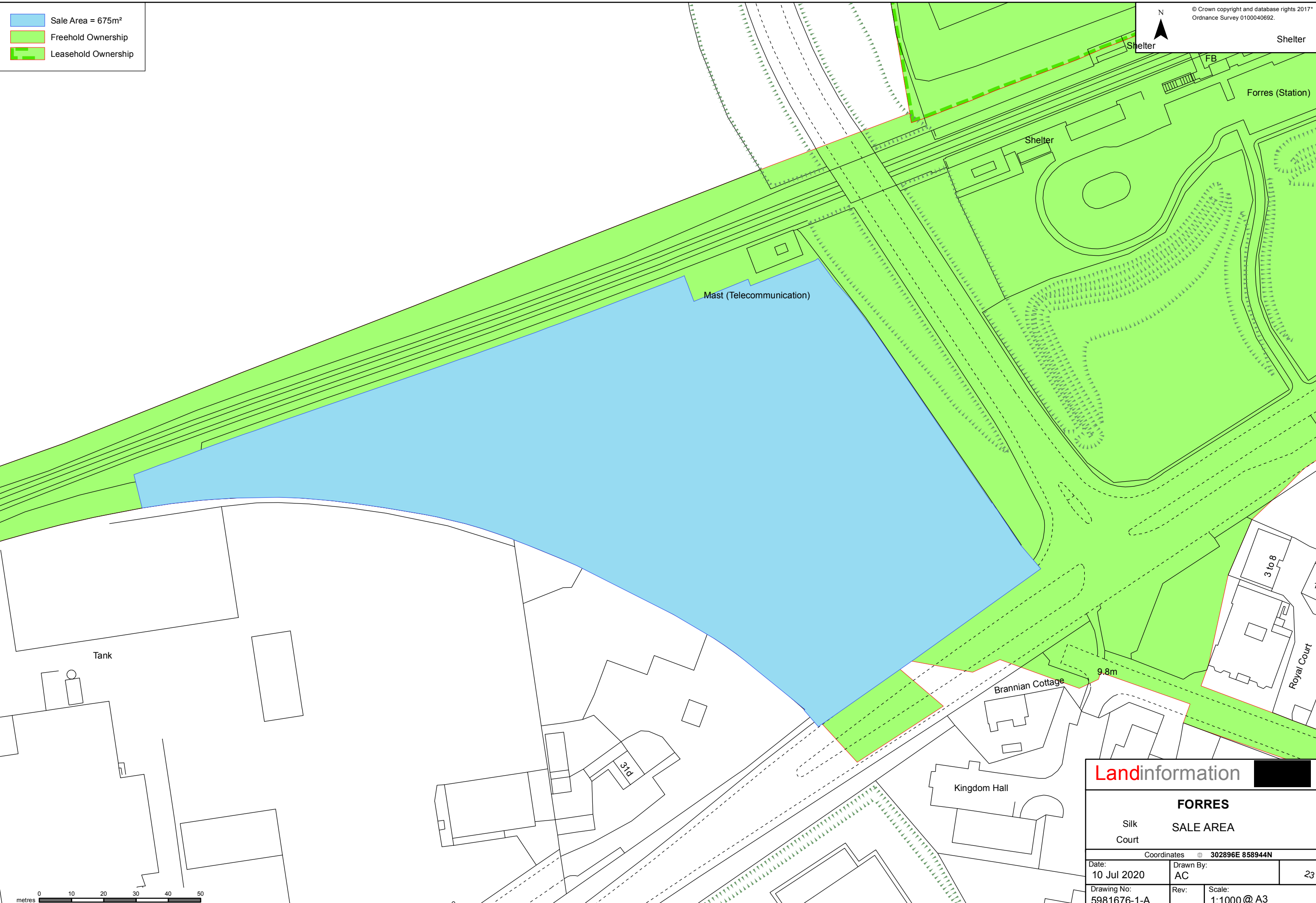
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Approximate sale boundary highlighted in red

Sale Area = 675m²
 Freehold Ownership
 Leasehold Ownership

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Ordnance Survey 0100040692.



Landinformation		
FORRES		
Silk Court SALE AREA		
Coordinates \square 302896E 858944N		
Date: 10 Jul 2020	Drawn By: AC	23
Drawing No: 5981676-1-A	Rev:	Scale: 1:1000 @ A3

CONSULTATION REPORT

relating to

PROPOSED LAND DISPOSAL

This report is provided as a supplement to our forms for the proposed disposal of land at:

Site location and description: Site of Former Forres Station. The property for disposal is the site of the old Forres Station which was demolished and relocated as part of the Aberdeen to Inverness Project. Following the works, we were left with a site extending to 4.46 acres which has no direct access other than trackside.

We have consulted in relation to this evaluation, and summarise the results of this as follows:

Summary of position regarding responses:

The full list of external consultees is set out below:

No.	External party (name)	Contact name, email address and telephone	Whether response received (y/n)	Date of response	Details of response (e.g. “no comment”), with reference to any accompanying copy representation in annexes to this report	Comments (e.g. as regards endeavours to obtain response where none given)
1	Transport Scotland			24/12/2019	No comment	
2	Transport for the North			17/01/2020	No objection	
3	Arriva Trains Cross Country			30/12/2019	No comment	
4	Caledonian Sleeper			15/01/2020	No objection/comments	
5	C2c Rail Limited			23/12/2019	No objection	
6	Chiltern Railway Company Limited			10/01/2020	No comment	

7	Eurostar International Limited			23/12/2019	No comment	
8	Great Western Railway			23/12/2019	No objection	
9	Scotrail Limited				No response	23/12/2019, 28/01/2020, 03/02/2020 18/062020 15/07/2020
10	Grand Central Railway Company				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020
11	London & South Eastern Railway Limited (Southeastern)			24/12/2019	No comments	
12	Merseyrail Electrics 2002 Limited			04/02/2020	No onjections	
13	Northern Rail Limited				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020
14	Virgin West Coast Trains Limited				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020
15	Virgin Trains				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020
16	Colas Rail Limited			07/01/2020	No comments	
17	Direct Rail Services Limited			10/01/2020	No comments	
18	DB Cargo UK Ltd. (Formerly DB Schenker)				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020

19	Freight Transport Association				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020
20	Freightliner Limited			07/01/2020 and 13/03/2020	Initial objection, subsequently withdrawn following further information	
21	GB Railfreight Limited			24/12/2019	No issues	
22	Rail Freight Group			05/01/2020	OK with RFG	
23	West Coast Railway Company				No response	23/12/2019, 03/02/2020
24	W.H. Malcolm			13/01/2020	No objections	
25	British Transport Police			14/01/2020	No objections or recommendations	
26	Transport Focus (formerly Passenger Focus)			24/12/2019	No objection	
27	Scottish Council for Development and Industry			04/02/2020	Agree that it appears to be a sensible disposal	
28	Moray Council			04/02/2020	No comments	

Copies of responses are given in the annex 1

Annex 1

1. Transport Scotland

On 24 Dec 2019, at 13:58, wrote:

TS has no comment to make.

Head of Operations & Technical
Rail Directorate

Transport Scotland, Buchanan House, 58 Port Dundas Road, Glasgow, G4 0HF

Transport Scotland, the national transport agency

Còmhhdail Alba, buidheann nàiseanta na còmhhdail

2. Transport for the North

From:

Sent: 17 January 2020 16:08

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Hi

TfN has no objection to this disposal.

Regards

Strategic Transport Planner

Transport for the North
Ground Floor, West Gate, 6 Grace Street, Leeds, LS1
2RP
www.transportforthenorth.com

3. Arriva Trains Cross Country

From:

Sent: 30 December 2019 11:20

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

XC Trains Ltd has no comment on this proposed disposal.

Regards

Station Contracts Manager CrossCountry

Address: 5th Floor, Cannon House, 18 The Priory Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6BS

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4. Caledonian Sleeper

From:

Sent: 15 January 2020 17:09

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Hello

No objection / comments from Serco Caledonian Sleeper

Regards,



Operations | C&G Systems Ltd
site: cngsystems.co.uk



5. C2C Rail Limited

From:

Sent: 23 December 2019 15:44

To:

Subject: Re: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Good afternoon

No objection from c2c on this proposal.

Regards

XX XX XXX

Reactive Works Manager

2nd Floor, Cutlers Court, 115 Houndsditch, London EC3A 7BR



W: www.c2c-online.co.uk

6. Chiltern Rail Company Limited

From:

Sent: 10 January 2020 16:29

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Hi

No comment.

Kind Regards,

Regulatory Contracts Manager

Chiltern Railways

Great Central House, Marylebone Station, Melcombe Place, London, NW1 6JJ

www.chilternrailways.co.uk

7. Eurostar International Limited

From:

Sent: 23 December 2019 15:39

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

No comment from EIL,

Thanks

PA to Chairman and to Company Secretary

Eurostar International Limited

Times House | Bravingtons Walk | London N1 9AW

eurostar.com

8. Great Western Railway

From:

Sent: 23 December 2019 15:39

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Good afternoon

We have no objection thank you.

Network Access Manager | Great Western Railway

1 Milford Street | Swindon | SN1 1HL

First Greater Western Limited | Registered in England and Wales number 05113733

Registered office: Milford House, 1 Milford Street, Swindon SN1 1HL.

9. Scotrail Limited

No response

10. Grand Central Railway Company

No response

11. London & South Eastern Railway Limited (Southeastern)

On 24 Dec 2019, at 13:25, wrote:

Good afternoon

Thank you for the opportunity to review the below.

Southeastern has no comments on this proposal.

Kind regards,

Commercial Manager

southeasternrailway.co.uk

southeastern

Floor 2
Four More London Riverside
London, SE1 2AU

12. Mersey Electrics 2002 Limited

From:
Sent: 04 February 2020 09:09
To:
Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

We have no objections thanks a lot.

Legal & Contract Assistant
Merseyrail

13. Northern Rail Limited

No response

14. Virgin West Coast Trains Limited

No response

15. Virgin Trains

No response

16. Colas Rail Limited

From:

Sent: 07 January 2020 14:17

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

– no comments.

Many thanks,



Property Manager

COLAS RAIL LTD

3rd Floor, 25 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0EX United Kingdom

www.colasrail.co.uk

17. Direct Rail Services Limited

From:

Sent: 10 January 2020 09:18

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Hi

DRS have no comments.

Best Regards,

Procurement Assistant
Direct Rail Services Ltd
Regents Court
Baron Way
Carlisle
CA6 4SJ

18. DB Cargo UK Ltd (Formerly DB Schenker)

No response

19. Freight Transport Association

No response

20. Freightliner Limited

From:
Sent: 07 January 2020 10:37
To:
Cc:
Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Dear

On behalf of Freightliner Heavy Haul Limited and Freightliner Limited I object to this proposed disposal on the basis that the sites utility for a rail freight has not been considered. More specifically;

1. The site is in a strategic rail freight location - close to a large cluster of Elgin distilleries - for modal shift for whiskey traffic. Something we are actively pursuing and which is also a priority for the Scottish Government.
2. There may also be opportunities for modal shift for significant volumes of timber which currently travel by road. The site is immediately adjacent to a major timber yard and opportunities should be fully explored before alternative uses are considered.
3. The site appears physically capable of accommodating a small rail freight terminal with appropriate siding lengths for this location
4. We understand the Freight Joint Board Land Strategy Group has not been consulted and would expect any disposal of land in this area of a size capable of creating a railfreight site should first be formally sanctioned by that group.

5. The consultation states that the site is landlocked but it clearly fronts the A96 which is a key arterial route which could support a terminal at this location. We note that reinstating the access may now present challenges due to the new junction shown in the aerial imagery provided but this should have been considered as part of the project and it is not correct to state that the site is land locked.

Kind regards

Group Property Manager
Freightliner Group Limited

Response to objection:-**From:****Sent:** 10 January 2020 09:05**To:****Cc:****Subject:** RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Good morning

Thank you for your response.

I have spoken with xx xx regarding your comments and he has helpfully provided me with some information regarding the suitability of this site for freight use.

He has advised me that the strategic rail freight site at Elgin has capacity to facilitate further potential freight traffic from the whisky and timber industries. The site at Forres is located 12 miles east of the strategic freight site at Elgin. The majority of the whisky distilleries are located to the south and south west of Elgin. The road network is such that any vehicles travelling to Forres would require to pass through Elgin. It is, therefore, difficult to see how we could justify a second site in such close proximity.

XX also pointed out that the size and layout of the site would make it very challenging to accommodate a rail freight terminal. It might be achievable if the trains were to stop on the main line. However, one of the primary objectives of the recently completed Aberdeen to Inverness project, funded by the Scottish Government, at a cost of around £300 million was to reduce journey times so it is unlikely that we would wish to introduce potential delays to accommodate an additional freight site.

You are correct in stating that the Freight Joint Board Land Strategy Group were not consulted. The reasons for this are, firstly, the proximity of the existing freight site at Elgin and secondly, the access constraints which were fully explored with the roads authority and adjacent land owners. Please note that Network Rail's consultation process includes several members of the Freight Joint Board Land Strategy Group including none of whom raised any objections.

I have reviewed the plans that were attached to the report which you were sent and feel that they may have been misleading. I have attached a further plan showing the extent of the site which we propose disposing of.

I can advise you that we explored all possibilities for obtaining road access to this site as obviously that would have created a more valuable site. You are correct that the site is bounded by the A96. However, the original access to the station had to be stopped up when the new road leading to the overbridge was constructed and Moray Council Planning Department have made it absolutely clear that they will not grant permission for another access off the A96 in such close proximity to the new road and the access to Greshop Industrial Estate. The two adjoining land owners who operate their businesses of a timber yard and builder's merchant were approached to discuss the possibility of obtaining access through either of their properties. Both parties were adamant that they would not be willing to grant access to our site as their businesses are already constrained by the size of their sites. Furthermore, they both indicated that they are interested in purchasing our site. Our proposal is to give each party the opportunity to bid for the site on a competitive basis. Hopefully, once you have had the opportunity to consider the above additional information you will consider withdrawing your objection.

However, if you have any further questions or comments please let me know.

Kind regards,

Property Services Surveyor– Scotland Route
Network Rail Property
3rd Floor, 151 St Vincent Street,
Glasgow
G2 5NW

From:

Sent: 13 March 2020 10:27

To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Hi

I can confirm we withdraw our objection to this disposal.

Thanks,

21. GB Railfreight Limited

From:

Sent: 24 December 2019 09:40

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: PITMEDDEN STATION HOUSE **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

No issues from GBRf.

Regards,

XX XX

Head of Capacity Planning,
GB Railfreight Ltd.,
3rd Floor,
55 Old Broad Street,

London, EC2M 1RX.

GB Railfreight Ltd. Registered in England & Wales No. 03707899

22. Rail Freight Group

From:

Sent: 05 January 2020 14:46

To: Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Ok with RFG

Director General

Rail Freight Group
7 Bury Place
London
WC1A 2LA
www.rfg.org.uk

23. West Coast Railway Company

No response

24. W.H Malcolm

From:

Sent: 13 January 2020 13:09

To:

Subject: RE: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED**

No objections.

Regards

Business & Estate Manager | W H Malcolm Ltd

Malcolm Group, Brookfield House, 2 Burnbrae Drive, Linwood, Renfrewshire PA3

XXXX

25. British Transport Police

From:

Sent: 14 January 2020 09:50

To:

Cc:

Subject: Land Disposal

With regards to the subject I was tasked to review this section of Network Rail land which is subject to Property Disposal;
Good Morning

Land for Disposal:- Site of the Old Forres Station

- Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd, 1 Eversholt Road, London NW1 2DN
- Your Reference: **CR/34538**
- **British Transport Police Ref: DOCU-2020-0011 refers.**

About 1200hrs on Monday 13th January 2020 I attended at the site known as the: **Old Forres Station situated off Benromach Way, Forres.**

This section of land is adjacent to (ScotRail) Forres Station and access to a GSMR Communication Mast situated presently within the scope of the Land Disposal site is gained by way from off the platform end ramp of the station and thereafter a walkway is in place allowing safe passage west from the station. I thereafter was able to gain access onto the site and was accompanied by a representative from **Timber Merchants** who I established have an interest in the purchase of this land to expand their operations. I noted that west from the Station there are two Signals and two phones to contact signallers. With a view to the safety aspect at this location for staff

sufficient clearance from the running line to the new boundary fence line would need to be a least 2mts. (I note this is detailed at 1.3 Technical Approval Certificate)

In conversation with the representative from I established that due to security purposes they would be erecting a similar boundary fence line to which is presently in place at the existing yard. The is 2.4mt high powder coated "V" Style fencing which would provide a good boundary line at this location.

With regards to this site I am satisfied that the land by disposal would not compromise the security of the railway and unauthorised access would be restricted.

I therefore have no objections or recommendations with regards to Disposal of this Land.

Thanks

Designing Out Crime Officer,
Designing Out Crime Unit
British Transport Police, D-Division,90 Cowcaddens Road, Glasgow. G4 0LU
www.btp.police.uk

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26. Transport Focus (formerly Passenger Focus)

From
Sent: 24 December 2019 18:18
To:
Subject: Re: SUBJECT: Consultation on proposed land disposal: SITE OF FORMER FORRES STATION **RESPONSE REQUIRED** 2712a20

Thank you for sending Transport Focus details of the proposed land disposal in Forres. They note that:
the land is the site of the former station, which was replaced by a new one, on the alignment of the former avoiding line;

it is 4.46 acres in area, and is to the west of the new road over the railway, west of the station, on the south side of the railway;
it has no access except from the railway, or from two adjacent businesses;
both those businesses have expressed an interest in buying the land;
completion is expected to be eight weeks after consent to the disposal has been granted.
Transport Focus has no objection to the proposed disposal of the land.

Regards,

27. Scottish Council for Development and Industry

On 4 Feb 2020, at 06:18, wrote:

Dear

My apologies for the delay. We agree that this would appear to be a sensible disposal.

Regards.

28. Moray Council

On 4 Feb 2020, at 12:27, > wrote

Dear

In relation to the consultation we have no comments to make.

Development Management & Building Standards Manager |
Economic Growth and Development

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Annex 2

[A copy of the consultation request (before customisation for any individuals) is given in below: sent on 23/12/2019

Dear Consultee

We are currently seeking views of relevant parties on our proposed land disposal of the site of the old Forres station by way of a Freehold Sale.

We attach a draft application form which together with the related plan(s), explains the proposed land disposal in detail. Following this consultation and having considered any comments that are received, a decision will be made whether to submit a formal application to ORR for consent to dispose under the terms of our network licence.

It is therefore important that we have your views as to whether you believe that the proposed disposal site has any foreseeable railway, or other public transport, use which may lead us to consider that it is inappropriate to dispose of that site. Please be aware that any comments relating to Station Change, Network Change or Planning processes will be dealt with separately as part of their respective consultations.

Any application made will be based on this draft Property Disposal form and updated in light of consultation responses. It is therefore important that we have your views on the proposed disposal. Please could any comments be provided to me via email by **31st January 2020**.

If a formal application to ORR is made we will, in accordance with ORR's regulatory arrangements for land disposal, send you notification of our application in due course.

If you have any queries regarding our proposal do not hesitate to contact me. If future consultations of the nature should be directed elsewhere within your organisation, please advise us of the appropriate contacts details so that we may amend our records.

Yours sincerely,

Property Services Surveyor– Scotland Route
Network Rail Property
3rd Floor, 151 St Vincent Street,
Glasgow
G2 5NW

Reminder sent on 03/02/2020

Good afternoon,

I previously forwarded the undernoted email requesting and comments which you may have.

I do not appear to have received a response.

Can you please advise me on your views on the project as soon as possible as we would like to submit an application for approval to Office of Rail and Road.

If you have any queries to enable you to respond please let me know.

Kind regards,

Property Services Surveyor– Scotland Route
Network Rail Property
3rd Floor, 151 St Vincent Street,
Glasgow
G2 5NW