

From: @merseytravel.gov.uk
Sent: 06 January 2016 2:24 PM
To:
Cc: Integrated Transport;
Subject: RE: DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd: track access contract consultation

Dear,

Thank you for consulting Merseytravel on the DB Schenker Section 17 Application. My comments follow:

Merseytravel understands DB Schenker's requirement for time critical paths for certain commodities and the commercial imperative for DB Schenker of efficient and cost effective operations. Specification of freight paths in terms of 60-minute timing windows for departure times from origin and arrival times at destination has attractions and may facilitate provision of standard hour timetables for both passenger and freight services.

Given the additional flexibility contained in Network Rail's new Access Rights Policy, Merseytravel seeks assurances from Network Rail that, if it is accepted that freight paths are to be specified in 60-minute timing windows, the flexibility in the Access Rights Policy is not used to constrain provision of attractive, frequent and regular interval passenger services with consistent journey times and optimised interchange opportunities, to prevent the realisation of the full benefits from the improved passenger services which current investment in North West and TransPennine electrification and the Northern Hub has been specified to deliver, or in future to constrain delivery of the step change in passenger service, capacity and connectivity which the Transport for the North work stream is developing. These issues are likely to be particularly acute on busy, multi-user corridors, in particular the West Coast Main Line and the TransPennine lines, where strong growth in passenger traffic is forecast and required alongside growth in freight.

I hope these comments are helpful to you,

Rail Development Officer
Merseytravel

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From: @orr.gsi.gov.uk
Sent: 06 January 2016 13:03
To:
Subject: RE: DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd: track access contract consultation

Dear,

Thank you for your email, and I'm sorry you've had issues accessing the application on our website. Sometimes a hard refresh can clear the cache and ensure your browser is giving you the most recent version of the webpage, this can be done by pressing CTRL + F5 together to refresh the page.

I've also attached the application and its associated documents in case this doesn't work - please let me know if it works or not.

Regards,

From: [@merseytravel.gov.uk]

Sent: 06 January 2016 12:53

To:

Subject: RE: DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd: track access contract consultation

Dear,

I've just clicked on the link below and cannot find the DBS application; the most recent one is DB Schenker closing 05/01/16.

Please could you investigate.

Rail Development Officer
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From: [@orr.gsi.gov.uk]

Sent: 18 December 2015 12:19

To:

Cc: Track Access Managers

Subject: DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd: track access contract consultation

(Sent by bcc)

Dear all,

DB Schenker Rail (UK) Limited: Application under section 17 of the Railways Act 1993 – track access contract from PCD 2016

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has received an application from DB Schenker Rail (UK) Limited (DBS) under section 17 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act) asking ORR to direct Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) to enter into a track access contract. In line with the Industry Code of practice for track access application consultations, we are consulting you on the proposal. Full details of the application – the application form and the proposed contract – can be found on our website at <http://orr.gov.uk/what-and-how-we-regulate/track-access/track-access-process/current-track-access-applications/new-contracts-section-17-and-18>.

In summary, DBS is seeking a new track access contract from the end date of its existing contract [Principal Change Date (PCD) 2016] to PCD 2026.

I should be grateful if you would let me have any comments you may have on the proposed contract by close of play on **22 January 2016**. You do not need to send a response if you have no

comments. Please send your comments by email to me at @orr.gsi.gov.uk and copy in track.access@orr.gsi.gov.uk.

Any consultee who is subsequently also identified by Network Rail as an 'interested person' will also be invited to comment on this application in that capacity under the process in Schedule 4 of the Act.

We may copy any consultation responses we receive to both DBS and Network Rail and may also publish them on our website. Therefore, if you wish any part of your response to remain confidential, you should state this in your response and explain why you wish your response to be treated as confidential. Please also provide a summarised version of your response which we can publish and/or forward to the applicant.

Please note that I am emailing you as you are on are list of track access consultees. If you are no longer the correct contact at your organisation please let me know who is. Please note that you might not be the only person in your organisation on our list and who has received this email.

Thank you.

Regards,
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