

Wycherley, Briony

Dear Briony

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on how we at Merseyrail think the arrangements for regulating Network Rail's land disposals have worked over the last two years and your proposed improvements to the agreement, and I respond as follows:

With regards to how successful the arrangements for regulating Network Rails land disposal have worked over the last two years we have recently been approached by Network Rail for our views with regards to the disposal of a piece of land adjacent to Kirkby station which is currently leased by Merseytravel.

This disposal came under the auspices of the agreement and I found it to be a very clear, detailed process that allowed us to make a measured decision based upon the facts available. I would therefore support the continued use of this agreement.

With regards to the proposed improvements, the majority of changes to the agreement are merely grammatical, with the removal of superfluous wording, and the significant inclusion being the ability for Network Rail to dispose of land for use as a transport interchange that would benefit the rail sector, without recourse to the ORR, only if they can demonstrate that they have consulted with all stakeholders. This would therefore not disadvantage ourselves, as we would still be involved in the stakeholder engagement process, and we would therefore support the changes.

I trust that you find the above comments helpful to your process, however, should you require any further input please do not hesitate to contact either myself or our Head of Property, Simon [xxxxxx](#), whose e-mail address is [@merseyrail.org](mailto:xxxxxx@merseyrail.org)

Regards

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