

NOTIFICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RAIL AND ROAD OF A PROPOSED OPEN ACCESS SERVICE THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM TEST

Please use this form to notify the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) of an open access service that may be subject to the Economic Equilibrium Test.

For further information, please see our published [Guidance on the Economic Equilibrium Test](#).

Information submitted in this form regarding the planned operation of the service should cover at least the first three years and, as far as possible, the first five years of operation.

Submitted forms will be published on the ORR website and notified to the relevant parties.

If this form is submitted with incomplete information, ORR will inform the applicant that incomplete requests will not be considered and will give the applicant the possibility to complete its request within ten working days.

This form does not replace our usual access application process, which should be followed in the usual manner as set out in our published [guidance](#).

ORR may request additional information in order to undertake the Economic Equilibrium Test.

What to send:

Please supply this form by e-mail, **in plain Microsoft Word or Open Document Text format** (i.e. excluding any macros, auto-para or page numbering, or other auto-formatting).

Where to send it:

Email: track.access@orr.gov.uk

You should also send a completed copy of this notification form to the relevant infrastructure manager.

Applicant details:

Company: GRAND UNION TRAINS
Contact individual: IAN YEOWART
Job title: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
Address: RIVERSIDE LODGE, FULFORD,
YORK

Telephone number: [redacted]

E-mail address: [redacted]

Date of Form OA submission to ORR:	10 July 2019
Planned start date of services:	May 2021

Does the applicant:

- (a) hold a valid train operating licence under section 8 of the Railways Act 1993 or an exemption under section 7, or under The Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005, **and**
- (b) hold a valid safety certificate under the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006.

If the answer to (a) **or** (b) is no, please state the point reached in obtaining a licence, exemption and/or safety certificate.

The team consists of experienced railway personnel and advisors and the application for the licence and safety certificate will be undertaken alongside the application for access.

Summary of the proposed service:

Please include the detailed route of the proposed service, indicating departure and destination stations and all intermediate stops.

Initially a service every 2 hours between Cardiff Central – Newport – Severn Tunnel Junction – Bristol Parkway - London Paddington.
Service then increased to hourly and extended from Cardiff to Bridgend – Port Talbot Parkway – Neath – Swansea – Gowerton and Llanelli. Further extension to Carmarthen under consideration pending further diagram work.

Please set out the indicative timings and frequency of the proposed service, including proposed departure and arrival times. This information may be submitted in an annex if preferred.

Initially service leaving at 35 minutes past each other hour. First up service at 0635 arriving Paddington at 0820. Last up service at 1835. First down service at 0835 arriving Cardiff at 1020. Last down service at 2035. Extended service timings to be further developed including first and last trains.

Please set out indicative information about the intended rolling stock.

Initial service: Class 91 locomotives, up to 9 coaches and 1 DVT in each train set
Extended service: Class 802 in 9 car formation