Good afternoon Jonathan,

Thank you for this.

The representation from Network Rail is seen as being helpful. There has been constructive dialogue throughout.

**Existing Access Right.**

Network Rail explains this. The Working Timetable which the existing rights are designed to protect is not yet firm for the Dec 17 timetable period. There is a risk (now that GWR rights are limited to quantum only) that the working timetable is constructed to provide flexibility for opportunity for stabling anywhere throughout the region with GWR’s services flexed away from that needed to meet commercial and franchise needs. To avoid this risk (however small) and to enable the industry to plan with assurance firm right to specific location at Paddington is sought.

**Alternative Location.**

Facilities at Paddington (both kit and people) will be developed to create and maintain a robust servicing and cleaning operation in the platform before prompt departure from Paddington in front line service. GWR does not wish HSTs to have to go to alternative and differing locations.

**Windows.**

With the work produced as part of the representation giving an illustration of opportunity on weeknights, with feedback following industry consultation from Transport for London, MTL and Heathrow Airport Limited, and in view of analysis of precise HST need v Old Oak Common closure stage undertaken by GWR since the industry consultation and application GWR would like to reduce its application for stabling window to 01.00 - 04.20 Sunday morning excepted and 00.01 to 07.00 Sunday mornings (this latter is in line with industry agreement on practicality). The requirement is now for platforms to accommodate three HSTs on Saturday nights and one on other nights of the week. The
requested right now applies to no other specified equipment so that when GWR HSTs disappear from London the right falls away.

Yours sincerely,

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