

# CONSULTATION REPORT

## relating to disposal by way of long lease at Northfleet Rail Sidings

### PROPOSED LAND DISPOSAL

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

Land, premises and railway infrastructure at Northfleet sidings located between Thames Way and Northfleet Station, Kent, DA11 9DY (HDR 21miles 1,527 Chains).

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

In view of the nature of the disposal a limited consultation of 15 stakeholders was carried out. There were no objections and responses were “no comments” or “no objections” along with four ‘supports’.

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	Freightliner		y	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	supports/no comment	
2	GB Railfreight		y	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	supports	
3	Rail Freight Group		y	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	supports	
4	British Transport Police		y	14 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	no issues or concerns	
5	Association of Community Rail Partnerships		y	15 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	no objection	
6	Passenger Focus		y	17 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	no objection	
7	Department for Transport		y	19 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	no comment nor objection	
8	Colas Rail		y	20 <sup>th</sup> February 2014	no comment	

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9	London & South Eastern Railway Limited		y	7 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	no comment	
10	Kent County Council		y	13 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	no objection	
11	Direct Rail Services Limited		y	18 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	no objections	
12	Gravesham Borough Council		y	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	support	
13	DB Schenker		Y	2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2014	no objections	
14	Port of London Authority		y	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2014	Supportive	Emailed 13 <sup>th</sup> February  Email chased 26 <sup>th</sup> February  Phoned 27 <sup>th</sup> March  Emailed 1 <sup>st</sup> April  Phoned 2 <sup>nd</sup> April
15	Freight Transport Authority		Y	27 <sup>th</sup> March 2014	no comment	

Network Rail's consultation request is included at Annex 1.

Copies of responses are given in Annexe 2 to this report, as indicated above.

### Annex 1 – Network Rail’s Consultation Request

**From:** @networkrail.co.uk

**Sent:** 13 February 2014 18:05

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject:** Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image005.jpg; image002.jpg; image001.jpg; 140213 Proposed Land Disposal Evaluation Form Northfleet (5).pdf

Dear Consultee,

**Property: Northfleet Rail Sidings located between Thames Way and Northfleet Station, Kent, DA11 9DY (HDR 21miles 1,527 Chains)**

We seek to consult you as regards your views on our proposed land disposal by way of a 125 year lease for the permitted use of ‘yard and sidings complex for rail freight and other ancillary uses’.

We attach a draft application form to the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) which, with its related plan, explains the proposal in detail. Subject to the outcome of our consultation, we may make a formal application to ORR for consent to make the disposal under the terms of our network licence land disposal condition. We would expect to make an application based on this form, updated in the light of consultation responses.

Alternatively, if in the light of the consultation responses, the proposed disposal would qualify to be made under ORR’s general consent, we may complete it accordingly.

ORR reviewed our land disposal arrangements so that from 1 April 2008, the ORR will no longer launch any separate consultations when we apply for consent to dispose of land. The arrangements are that we will consult and report the results to ORR in conjunction with our application. It is therefore important that we have your views, so that these may be considered in ORR’s decision.

We request your comments, please, by **Friday the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014** (including any “no comment” response). It would be helpful if your response is provided by email.

If you have any queries as regards this proposal, please feel free to contact me using details below. If future consultations of this nature should be directed differently to your organisation, please advise us of the appropriate contact details, so we may amend our records.

Yours faithfully,

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## Annex 2 – Consultation Responses

### 1. Freightliner

**From:** @Freightliner.co.uk]

**Sent:** 14 February 2014 09:25

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Freightliner supports this proposal and has no comment to make

Regards

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### 2. GB Railfreight

**From:** @gbrailfreight.com]

**Sent:** 14 February 2014 09:25

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

GB Railfreight Ltd fully supports the proposed lease of land at Northfleet as detailed in your email and attachments of 13/02/14.

Regards

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### 3. Rail Freight group

**From:** @rfg.org.uk]

**Sent:** 14 February 2014 10:12

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

RFG supports this disposal,

Regards

RFG

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### 4. British Transport Police

**From:** @btp.pnn.police.uk]

**Sent:** 14 February 2014 14:53

**To:**

**Subject:** Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image001.jpg; image002.jpg; image003.jpg

I have been contact with the Senior Officer in this area and have been advised that this matter presents no issues or concerns from a BTP perspective.

Kind regards

British Transport Police,  
25 Camden Road,  
London NW1 9LN

Tel:

Email: [@btp.pnn.police.uk](mailto:@btp.pnn.police.uk)

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## 5. Association of Community Rail Partnerships

**From:** @btconnect.com]  
**Sent:** 15 February 2014 12:56  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)  
**Attachments:** image001.jpg

ACoRP have no objection to this disposal

Regards

Association of Community Rail Partnerships

**T:**  
**M:**

**E:** [@acorp.uk.com](mailto:@acorp.uk.com)  
**W:** [www.acorp.uk.com](http://www.acorp.uk.com)

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## 6. Passenger Focus

**From:** @passengerfocus.org.uk]  
**Sent:** 17 February 2014 13:46  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains) 1202d14

Thank you for sending Passenger Focus details of the proposed land disposal for Northfleet sidings. They note that:

it is proposed to grant a 125 year lease to Lafarge Cement UK Limited;  
the sidings are used to handle aggregates and for material excavated for the Crossrail project;



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the land concerned will be part of a larger development, with the sidings continuing in rail use;  
the intention is to complete as soon as practicable.

Passenger Focus has no objection to the proposed disposal.

Regards,

Tel.

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### 7. Department for Transport

**From:** @dft.gsi.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 19 February 2014 07:53

**To:**

**Subject:** Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

Hello

Please accept this email as confirmation that DfT have no comment nor objection to make to this proposal.

Thanks

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### 8. Colas Rail

**From:** @colasrail.co.uk]

**Sent:** 20 February 2014 16:24

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image009.jpg

No comment

Kind regards

• Dacre House - Floor 2, 19 Dacre Street, London, SW1H 0DJ

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## 9. London & South Eastern Railway

**From:** @southeasternrailway.co.uk]

**Sent:** 07 March 2014 17:06

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

**Flag Status:** Green

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Southeastern have no comment on this proposal

Regards

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## 10. Kent County Council

**From:** @kent.gov.uk

**Sent:** 13 March 2014 11:58

**To:**

**Subject:** FW: Northfleet Rail Sidings between Thames Way & Northfleet Station, Kent DA11 9DY

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

**Flag Status:** Green

Dear sir,

Please note that KCC Highways and Transportation have no objection to the proposed disposal of land at the above locality as per your recent consultation.

Kind regards,

Kent County Council Highways and Transportation.

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## **11. Direct Rail Services**

**From:** @drsl.co.uk]

**Sent:** 18 March 2014 17:18

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

**Flag Status:** Green

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

Apologies for lateness of response, I would like to confirm that Direct Rail Services have no objections to the proposed land disposal at Northfleet Rail sidings, Kent.

Regards

Tel:

Mobile:

E-mail: [@drsl.co.uk](mailto:@drsl.co.uk)

Direct Rail Services Limited

Kingmoor TMD

Etterby Road

Carlisle CA3 9NZ

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**12. Gravesham Borough Council**

**From:** @gravesham.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 27 March 2014 09:51

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

**Flag Status:** Green

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

The Borough Council would support this entirely sensible rationalisation of land holdings, by long term lease, in the Northfleet sidings areas which will allow Lafarge full operational control of them for freight purposes. The boundaries in this area have always looked a little 'odd'.

Address: Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Gravesend, Kent DA12 1AU

Telephone:      Fax:      Mobile:

**Gravesham Borough Council – Connecting with the Community**

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**13. DB Schenker**

**From:**

**Sent:** 02 April 2014 09:22

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image001.jpg

I can confirm that DB Schenker has no objection to the proposed land disposal as described.

DB Schenker Rail (UK) Ltd.  
2nd Floor, 310 Goswell Road

London EC1V 7LW

Tel:

Fax:

Mobile:

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#### 14. Port of London Authority

**From:** @pla.co.uk]

**Sent:** 03 April 2014 17:28

**To:**

**Cc:**

**Subject:** FW: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Attachments:** image005.jpg; image002.jpg; image001.jpg; 140213 Proposed Land Disposal Evaluation Form Northfleet (5).pdf; ATT00001.txt

Thank you for consulting the PLA about the proposed land disposal. The PLA is supportive of the use of the rail sidings by Lafarge due to them being utilised for a project which involves the transfer of freight by water.

Regards

Port of London Authority

London River House, Royal Pier Road

Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2BG

[www.pla.co.uk](http://www.pla.co.uk)

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#### 15. Freight Transport Authority

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**From:** @fta.co.uk]

**Sent:** 27 March 2014 18:26

**To:**

**Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Northfleet Rail Sidings, Kent (HDR 21miles 1,527chains)

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up

**Flag Status:** Green

**Attachments:** image008.jpg

Apologies we have no comment.

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### Freight Transport Association

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[www.fta.co.uk](http://www.fta.co.uk)

