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Network licence Condition 17 (Land disposal): Leeman Road, York

- 1. On 11 November 2016, ORR granted a conditional consent to Network Rail's proposed disposal of land off Leeman Road, York, North Yorkshire. Our <u>decision</u> letter can be found on our website.
- 2. The condition stated that:

Network Rail may only proceed with the proposed disposal once it has provided ORR with satisfactory evidence that it will meet NRM's reasonable requirements in terms of provision of rail access to the NRM South Yard (which currently includes passage over a level crossing), and that ORR has confirmed in writing that such evidence is satisfactory.

- 3. To meet this requirement, Network Rail sent us a letter from the National Railway Museum (the "NRM") part of the Science Museum Group on 1 December 2023, which confirmed its understanding that its reasonable requirements for the provision of rail access will be met. The letter (attached) referred to ongoing consultation with Simon Barber, HM Principal Inspector of Railways, regarding level crossings and he has confirmed to me separately that he has no concerns to raise.
- 4. In view of the NRM's statement and in the absence of any level crossing concerns arising, I confirm that we are satisfied with the evidence provided and found, and that Network Rail may proceed with the proposed disposal.
- 5. I am placing a copy of this letter on our website alongside our 2016 decision.

Yours sincerely,

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Network Rail George Stephenson House Toft Green York YO1 6.TT

YO1 6	30 November 2023 Our reference:
By em	ail only:
Dear	
ORR N 2016	letwork Licence Condition 7 (land disposal): Leeman Road, York dated 11 November
Netwo under	espect to the land disposal approval previously given by the Office of Rail and Road to ork Rail for land at Leeman Road, York, I write to confirm the National Railway Museum's standing that its reasonable requirements for the provision of rail access to its South Yard met. This is based on:
1.	The proposed York Central rail link from the network to South Yard being granted reserved matters planning approval in November 2020 as part of the primary infrastructure package.
2.	Network Rail and Homes England making the land available for the rail link.
3.	Written assurance from the Chief Executive of Homes England, the organisation responsible for the delivery of the primary infrastructure at York Central, that it is committed to the delivery of the rail link.
4.	The construction of the rail link being part of the primary infrastructure package of works which has been let by Homes England to a contractor, line link link link works are well underway, with the rail link works to follow and scheduled for completion in September 2025.
5.	Homes England confirming that it will ensure provide NRM with a warranty for the design and construction of the rail link, together with a duty of care from Homes England's technical assurer and contract supervisor WSP.
6.	NRM Operating Procedures for the rail link having been drafted and being used by the design team to inform design, together with on-going consultation and co-ordination between the team and the NRM.

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- 7. Positive discussions with the Network Rail connection agreement team (who have noted the new rail link is being delivered and advised a revised connection agreement can be put in place once the rail link construction has been completed).
- 8. On going consultation with Simon Barber, HM Principal Inspector of Railways, ORR, on forthcoming consultation on and application for a Level Crossing Order(s).
- 9. On going consultation with City of York Council's Highways Team.
- 10. Agreement of heads of terms with Network Rail for the land under the rail link to be transferred from Network Rail to the Science Museum Group prior to operation of the rail link.

Whilst the rail link from the network to NRM's South Yard is not scheduled to be delivered until September 2025, taking the points above together, the NRM is as confident as it can be at this stage that its reasonable requirements for the provision of rail access to South Yard will be met.

If you require any further information or wish to discuss any aspect of the plans for the delivery of the rail link, please get in touch.

Kind regards

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