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## **ORR's regulation of land disposals by Network Rail**

We will shortly be updating our publication setting out our regulatory arrangements for dealing with Network Rail's land disposals. I am writing to let you know of this and to seek any views you may have on the updates.

As part of our 2018 periodic review ("PR18") of Network Rail's outputs and funding, we reviewed the company's network licence to ensure it will be aligned with PR18 outcomes and our regulatory approach, as well as to reflect the reclassification of Network Rail as a central government body.<sup>1</sup> This work included a review of the land disposal licence condition, the substance of which remains largely unchanged.

However, we will update and refresh our land disposal regulatory arrangements document, which we last published in December 2013. The main updates are to:

- Amend the general consent to:
  - include disposals that would allow construction / enhancement at a station or freight facility for the purposes of providing services relating to railways; and
  - include disposals that would provide network connected rail freight activities and rail infrastructure activities.
- Provide further indication in our decision criteria as to when we will consider there is acceptable evidence that land proposed for disposal may have a reasonably foreseeable railway use.
- Amend our *Application of policy* section relating to enactment-related disposals.

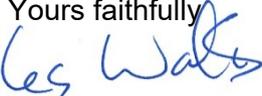
The updated land disposal regulatory arrangements are attached, and current arrangements are on our website [here](#).

Should you have any comments, please send them by 22 April 2019 to:

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I am placing a copy of this letter and the proposed draft of the land disposal arrangements on our website.

Yours faithfully  


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<sup>1</sup> For background information see <https://bit.ly/2NgjmPv>