

Reform of access contractual arrangements

15 February 2012

Opening address – Richard Price, CEO

- Industry reform programme – wider context.
- Need for alignment across the industry, including the legal and contractual framework.
- Focus on overall aim of achieving VfM.
- Rail Delivery Group leading, but we can make a difference now.
- Importance of industry involvement and collaboration throughout.
- Encourage you all to support this work.

Aims of the seminar

To explain:

- Where we are coming from;
- Where we want to be; and
- The industry role.

To achieve this, we need to:

- Understand the industry's views;
- Ensure that it is fully engaged; and
- Establish an agreed way forward.

Today's agenda

Timing	Content	Presenter
09:45-10:00	Arrivals (tea and coffee served)	
10:00	Housekeeping arrangements	Paul Stone
10:00-10:10	Opening address	Richard Price, ORR Chief Executive
10:10-10:20	Welcome, aims of the seminar	Brian Kogan, David Robertson
10:20-10:25	The consultation document	David Robertson
10:25-11:10	Consultation issues - exploration of themes (15 mins) - clarification of issues (15 mins) - new ideas (15 mins)	Group discussion
11:10-11:20	Short refreshment break	
11:20-12:30	Schedule 5 (specification of access rights, level of prescription)	Group discussion
12:30-13:15	Lunch	
13:15-14:00	Schedule 5 (format and content of tables and their simplification/clarification)	Breakout group discussion and feedback, facilitated by: Bill Hammill (Group 1) Ian Williams (Group 2) Dave Wearing (Group 3) Brian Hopkinson (Group 4)
14:00-14:10	Short refreshment break	
14:10-15:15	Breakout sessions to consider individual issues - "SPOTS" - scope of a new General Approval - the network code - what can ORR do better/more of/less of?	Breakout group discussion and feedback, facilitated by: Andrew Whittington (Group 1) Stuart Freer (Group 2) Mick Donovan (Group 3) Paul Stone (Group 4)
15:15-15:30	Conclusions and next steps	Brian Kogan
15:30	Close	

Background

Last year:

- Recognition of scope for further improvement;
- Rail Value for Money study;
- Informal meetings with stakeholders;
- Review of application forms and revised C&Ps – “quick wins”.

Realising the Potential of GB Rail

Final Independent Report of the Rail Value for Money Study

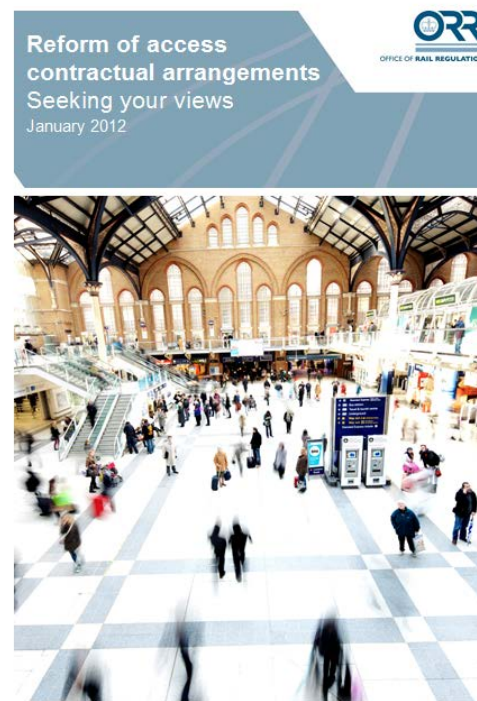
Detailed Report

May 2011

Background

This year:

- 25 January – consultation published;
- 15 February – seminar;
- 7 March / 18 April – deadlines;
- April – conclusions on Schedule 5 published;
- May – agreed action plan published.

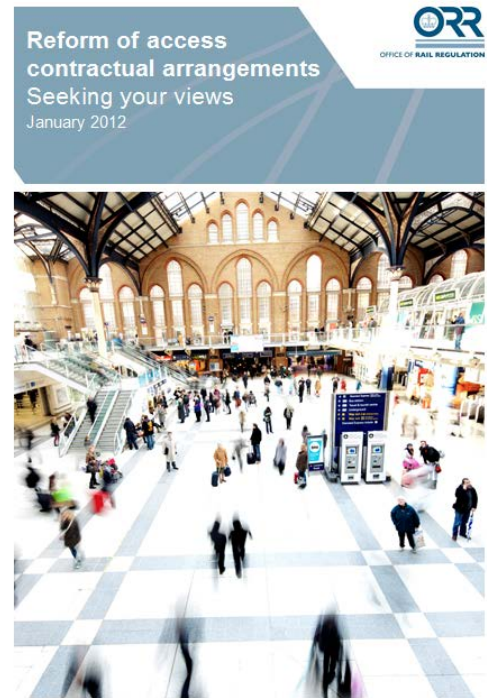


Objectives

- Build on and improve the process to allocate network capacity.
- Facilitate a public interest outcome and maintain an appropriate commercial balance.
- The industry takes greater responsibility for its contracts.
- Timescales are reduced.
- Processes and procedures are simplified and clarified to remove unnecessary requirements, costs and effort.

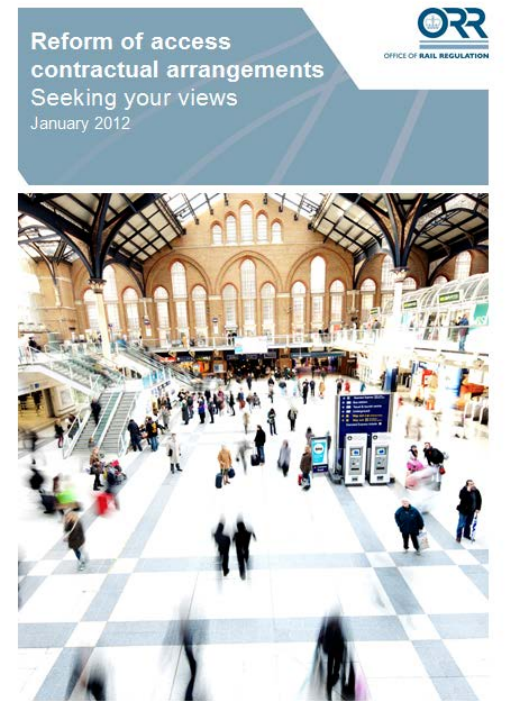
The consultation document

- Informal meetings.
- Constructed on the basis of your views and ideas.
- Format and style of the document also seem to have been welcomed.
- Uses new, clearer, ORR template.



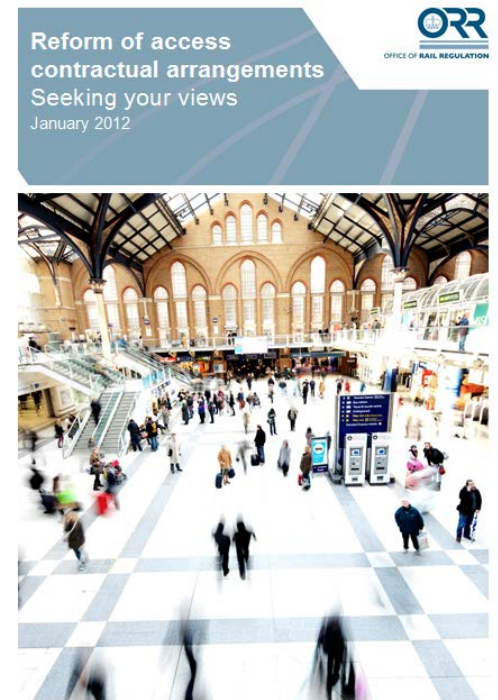
Consultation issues

- Exploration of themes and proposals:
 - Do the issues in the document focus on the right areas?
 - How could/should they be prioritised?
 - Is there enough resource to take all of these areas on?



Consultation issues

- Clarification of any issues raised:
 - Is the consultation document clear?
 - Are consultees unsure about why some issues are in the document, or about how any of the issues are related?



Consultation issues

- Any new ideas not in the document:
 - Has anything been missed which could or should be tackled?
 - Are there any other ways of tackling any of the proposals which we have not considered?



Schedule 5

- The specification of access rights and the current level of prescription:
 - Is the level of prescription too high, too low, or about right?
 - If it is too high or low, why is this?
 - What are the barriers to reducing the level of prescription?

This afternoon's agenda

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Schedule 5

In groups, we would like you to consider and report back on:

- How the overall format and content Schedule 5 can be simplified and/or clarified?
- Which specific tables and/or characteristics can be removed?

Facilitators:

Bill Hammill (Group 1)

Ian Williams (Group 2)

Dave Wearing (Group 3)

Brian Hopkinson (Group 4)

Breakout sessions – consider a proposal

In groups, we would like you to consider:

Group 1 – “SPOTS” (Andrew Whittington)

Are you supportive? What are the advantages? What are the disadvantages, and how might these be overcome?

Group 2 – General Approval (Stuart Freer)

Are you supportive? What are the advantages? What are the disadvantages, and how might these be overcome?

Group 3 – the network code (Mick Donovan)

What can be changed, simplified, removed or added?

Group 4 – what can ORR do better? (Paul Stone)

What can we do more of? Less of? Better?

Conclusions and next steps

- Please remember that consultation close dates are:
 - 7 March 2012 (Schedule 5 – questions 2-5)
 - 18 April 2012 (all other questions)
- We look forward to receiving your responses.

Conclusions and next steps

- Publication of our final conclusions on Schedule 5 by the end of April 2012.
- Publication of our final conclusions / action plan on other issues by the end of May 2012:
 - We will be in touch with parties to agree responsibilities for taking work forward
 - Please volunteer in your response if you would like to be involved in any area of work

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Please fill in your feedback sheets!