

# Response to ORR’s further consultation on the PR23 review of Network Rail’s access charges

This pro-forma is available to those that wish to use it to respond to our consultation. Other forms of response (e.g. letter format) are equally welcome.

Please send your response to [pr23@orr.gov.uk](mailto:pr23@orr.gov.uk) by **1 July 2022**.

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## About you

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## Chapter 2: Infrastructure cost charges

### Question 2.1: Do you have any views on our proposal to maintain the existing market segmentation of open access services (‘interurban’ and ‘other’), for the purposes of setting the open access ICC?

Click or tap here to enter text.

### Question 2.2: Do you have any views on the most appropriate approach to setting the open access ICC for the relevant market segment in CP7?

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### Question 2.3: Do you have any views on whether or not we should maintain relief from any increase in charges prompted by the open access ICC, for existing operators (as defined in PR18)?

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### Question 2.4: Do you have any views on our proposal to maintain the existing market segmentation of freight services?

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### Question 2.5: Do you have any views on our proposal to continue to allow Network Rail to levy ICCs on freight services carrying iron ore, spent nuclear fuel and ESI biomass? Do you have any views on our proposal to remove the ICC on services carrying ESI coal, pending a further review later in PR23?

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### Question 2.6: Do you have any views on the most appropriate approach to setting freight ICCs for relevant market segments in CP7?

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## Chapter 3: Variable charges

### Question 3.1: Do you have any views on how we should take account of new evidence in relation to VTISM, for the purposes of setting the VUC?

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### Question 3.2: Do you have any views on our proposal to review the VUC guidance for CP7 to allow a new VUC rate to be calculated for existing vehicle types that are downgraded to lower than HAW RAs, because Network Rail decides to remove HAW access rights?

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### Question 3.3:

***Do you have any views on our proposal to remove modelled consumption rates for new train services from the beginning of CP7?***

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## Chapter 4: Station charges

### Question 4.1: Do you have any views on our proposed approach to calculating LTCs for CP7, including on our proposed classification of a large / complex station i.e. Option B?

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### Question 4.2: Do you have any views on our proposed approach to setting LTCs for new stations in CP7 (and stations that have opened during CP6), such that the operational property element of their LTC is set at 10% of that for existing stations in the same route and station category for a fixed five-year period from the date of opening?

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## Are there any other comments you would like to make?

Click or tap here to enter text.

Thank you for taking the time to respond.

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