



**Will Godfrey**

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To the company secretaries of the organisations listed in the annex

27 October 2022

Dear Stakeholder

**Extension to deadline in Review Initiation Notice pursuant to Schedule 4A of the Railways Act 1993**

On 9 June 2022, we gave formal notice of our intention to undertake an access charges review by way of serving two notices issued under Paragraph 1C of Schedule 4A to the Railways Act 1993.

This access charges review, which we refer to as the 2023 periodic review (or PR23), will determine what Network Rail is expected to deliver with respect to its infrastructure operations and the level of funding that it is provided with over the five-year period from 1 April 2024 (known as control period 7 (or CP7)).

As you are aware, the High-Level Output Specification (HLOS) document will set out what the respective funders' objectives are and what they want the railway to deliver over CP7. The Statement of Funds Available (SoFA) sets out the level of funding each funder will make available to deliver the corresponding HLOS.

The previous information and the notices we issued are available on our website and can be accessed at: [www.orr.gov.uk/pr23-legal-notices](http://www.orr.gov.uk/pr23-legal-notices).

We served notices to each funder as follows:

- The notice to the Secretary of State required the HLOS and SoFA documents for England and Wales by 28 October 2022; and
- The notice to Scottish Ministers required their HLOS and SoFA documents by 30 November 2022.

In light of changing circumstances, we recognise the Secretary of State and the Scottish Ministers will require more time to provide their respective High-Level Output Statement (HLOS) and their Statement of Funds Available (SoFA). Therefore, we are issuing an extension to the Review Initiation Notice and now require that:

- the Secretary of State provides us with the HLOS and SoFA documents for England & Wales by **25 November 2022**; and
- Scottish Ministers provide us with their HLOS and SoFA documents by **9 January 2023**.



This will enable us to complete our periodic review by the statutory deadlines, including to ensure appropriate funding is in place for Network Rail for CP7.

We are working with Network Rail to understand the implications, if any, of this delay for its Strategic Business Plan (SBP) which we currently expect to receive on 24 February 2023. We will follow up on this, and our wider PR23 timeline, in due course.

Further information on PR23 is available on our website ([www.orr.gov.uk/PR23](http://www.orr.gov.uk/PR23)). To subscribe for email updates on PR23, please get in touch using the PR23 inbox address, [PR23@orr.gov.uk](mailto:PR23@orr.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W Godfrey', written over a horizontal line.

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## Annex

Abellio Transport Group Limited	Motorail (UK) Limited
Agility Trains West Limited	Mountpark Properties Limited
Agility Trains East Limited	MTR Corporation (UK) Limited
Amey LG Limited	Mitsui & Company Limited
Araglin Holdings Limited	North East Combined Authority
Arriva UK Trains Limited	North of Tyne Combined Authority
BIFFA (Roxby) Limited	Passengers' Council (Transport Focus)
Brett Aggregates Limited	PD Teesport Limited
British American Railway Services Limited	Rail for London (Infrastructure) Limited
British Nuclear Fuels Limited	ScotRail Trains Limited
British Steel Limited	Scottish Rail Holdings Limited
Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority	Seilwaith Amey Cymru / Amey Infrastructure Wales Limited
Department for Transport	Serco Group Plc
DP World Limited	Siemens Mobility Limited
European Metal Recycling Limited	SNCB
East Japan Railway Company	South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority
First Group Plc	South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive
Genesee & Wyoming UK Europe Limited	Stadler Rail Service UK Limited
Glasgow Prestwick Airport Limited	Stagecoach Group Plc
Great British Railways Transition Team	Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
Greater Manchester Combined Authority	Swietelsky Construction Company Limited
Govia Limited	Tees Valley Combined Authority
Go-Ahead Holding Limited	Transport for London
Heathrow Airport Holdings Limited	Transport for Greater Manchester
Hector Rail Holding UK Limited	Trenitalia UK Limited



Hitachi Rail Limited

Uniper UK Limited

HS1 Limited

Voyages-SNCF UK Limited

HS2 Limited

Weardale Railway Limited

Hutchinson Ports (UK) Limited

Welsh Government

Keolis (UK) Limited

West Coast Traincare Limited

Liverpool City Region Combined  
Authority

West Midlands Combined Authority

London & Continental Railways Limited

West Midlands Trains Limited

London Southend Airport Company  
Limited

West Moor Holdings Limited

London Transport Users' Committee  
(London TravelWatch)

West of England Combined Authority

Maritime Transport Limited

West Yorkshire Combined Authority

Merseytravel Limited