



Freightliner Group Ltd
6th Floor the Lewis Building
35 Bull Street
Birmingham
United Kingdom
B4 6EQ

Margret Haswell
Executive, Access and Licensing
Office of Rail and Road
4th Floor, 1 Atlantic Square
Glasgow
G2 8HS

29th May 2025

RE: Freightliner Heavy Haul Proposed 24th Supplemental Agreement

Response to Final Network Rail Representations

Dear Margret,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to comment on Network Rail's Final Representations to Freightliner Heavy Haul's 24th Supplemental Agreement, covering additional rights for Mendip services which Network Rail were not prepared to accept at the point the 'Complex and Competing Applications' process commenced.

Freightliner is pleased to see that Network Rail are now prepared to accept the majority of Firm Rights included in this application, given the time elapsed since initial application.

There are a number of proposed firm rights where Network Rail have raised queries or comments – please see below Freightliner's comments in relation to these:

The Right sought for 6B51 (SX) Whatley Quarry – Avonmouth Hansons is for a 19.10 – 20.10 arrival window but the Working Timetable path arrival time is at 20.28

This Train Slot has been amended since the point the application was originally made. However, Freightliner are prepared to accept a revised 1 hour arrival window of 20:00-21:00. We do not support the application of a 24 hour window which will not provide the level of certainty required and create a risk to performance and delivery of services as a result of the flexibility available. It is unclear why Network Rail are proposing a 24 hour window rather than amendment of the originally applied for window.

6L28 (SX) Acton TC – Dagenham Dock ARC has an origin change to Hanwell Bridge Loop. Network Rail has no concerns with this. During checks against the Working Timetable it was found this train is actually MSX as opposed to SX. Freightliner Heavy Haul were approached and they confirmed the Right should be MSX. Network Rail would support this as an MSX Right.

Freightliner are content for this Right to be amended to MSX

6A33 (SX) Whatley Quarry – Appleford needs a 'Y' adding to the Right. This has not been raised with Freightliner Heavy Haul yet but Network Rail will only support this with the 'Y' addition.

Freightliner are content for this Y note to be added and have included this in the attached updated Schedule 5 Rights table.

Freightliner Group is the name and brand under which the members of Freightliner Group Limited and their respective controlled, managed, or affiliated companies provide services to customers.

Freightliner Group Limited is registered in England and Wales with Company Number 05313119

www.freightliner.co.uk



Freightliner Group Ltd
6th Floor the Lewis Building
35 Bull Street
Birmingham
United Kingdom
B4 6EQ

Freightliner hope that with the above amendments, given Network Rail's support, the ORR are able to determine that these rights should be included in Freightliner Heavy Haul's rights table.

Yours Sincerely



Chris Matthews
Head of Planning (Long Term)
Freightliner Group

***Freightliner Group** is the name and brand under which the members of Freightliner Group Limited and their respective controlled, managed, or affiliated companies provide services to customers.*

Freightliner Group Limited is registered in England and Wales with Company Number 05313119

www.freightliner.co.uk