

CONSULTATION REPORT

relating to

PROPOSED LAND DISPOSAL

This report is provided as a supplement to our forms for the proposed disposal of land at:

Site location and description:

Farnborough North railway station, Farnborough Street, Farnborough Green, Hampshire GU18 8AQ. Station platforms and footbridge stairs and span.

We have consulted in relation to this evaluation, and summarise the results of this as follows:

Summary of position regarding responses:

27 responses out of 28 consultees have been received without any objections. The only consultee not to provide a response, was deemed to not be a key stakeholder. The no response from Transport for the North was deemed acceptable given this is an an organisation (sub-national transport body) based off route and well away from the subject location, only going as far south as Crewe and Sheffield areas.

The full list of external consultees is set out below

No.	External party (name)	Contact name, email address and telephone	Whether response received (y/n)	Date of response	Details of response (e.g. “no comment”), with reference to any accompanying copy representation in annexes to this report	Comments (e.g. as regards endeavours to obtain response where none given)
1	Department for Transport		Yes	18/02/2025	No comments	
2	Transport for North				Original email sent on 19/12/2204. Chaser email 04/02/2025. Stated if no response by Weds 26 th Feb, then application will be made to ORR.	Although no response has been received from Transport for North, it is deemed sufficient to proceed having sent two chaser emails, given a deadline to respond by, and the fact that the stakeholder is not a key stakeholder due to not operating on the line of route or in the Region.

3	Arriva Trains Cross Country		Yes	20/12/2024	No comment	
4	c2c Rail Limited		Yes	19/12/2024	No comment	
5	Chiltern Railway Company Limited		Yes	20/12/2024	No comment	
6	Eurostar International Limited		Yes	20/12/2024	No comment	
7	Great Western Railway		Yes	05/02/2025	Fine in principle	
8	Grand Central Railway Company Limited		Yes	06/02/2025	No comments	
9	London & South Eastern Railway Limited (Southeastern)		Yes	20/12/2024	No comments	
10	Merseyrail Electrics 2002 Limited		Yes	06/02/2025	No objections	
11	MTR Crossrail		Yes	20/12/2024	No comments	
12	Northern Rail Limited		Yes	20/12/2024	No comments	
13	Avanti Trains First Trenitalia West Coast Trains Limited (Avanti) and West Coast Partnership Development		Yes	21/02/2025	No objections due to being off Avanti's route	Chaser emails 04/02/2025. Stated if no response by Weds 26 th Feb, then application will be made to ORR.

14	Transport UK		Yes	05/02/2025	No comment	
15	COLAS Rail Limited		Yes	21/02/2025	No comment	Chaser email sent 04/02/2025 Left VM 11/02/2025 Left VM 21/02/2025 Chaser email sent 21/02/2025
16	Nuclear Transpot Solutions (Formally Direct Rail Services Limited)		Yes	11/02/2025	No comment	
17	DB Cargo UK Ltd. (Formerly DB Schenker)		Yes	28/01/2024	No objection	
18	Logistics UK (Formally Freight Transport Association)		Yes	05/02/2025	No objection	
19	Freightliner Limited		Yes	04/02/2025	No comment	
20	GB Railfreight Limited		Yes	19/12/2024	No issues	
21	Rail Freight Group		Yes	20/12/2024	Okay with RFG	
22	West Coast Railway Company		Yes	19/12/2024	No comment	

23	W. H. Malcolm		Yes	19/12/2024	No comment	
24	Association of Community Rail Partnerships		Yes	23/12/2024	No objections	
25	British Transport Police		Yes	23/12/2024	Supports proposal	
26	Transport Focus (formerly Passenger Focus)		Yes	23/12/2024	Happy to accept proposal	
27	Hampshire County Council		Yes	11/03/2025	Hampshire County Council recognises the need to rationalise the position at Farnborough North to improve public safety in light of the significant volume of use at the existing crossing. This is reflected in its collaborative approach with NRIL to date in progressing plans for a s118A order, coupled with a deed of dedication to create a public footpath over the new stepped footbridge. It would appear that the	

					public at large are of the same view – the only objections we received to the s118A order came from members of the Ramblers (albeit one of those was in an individual capacity) on the grounds that cyclists would be disenfranchised by the move. Nobody has contested the proposal to remove at grade access in favour of the stepped bridge.	
28	Hampshire County Council		Yes	19/03/2025	Just to confirm that from a Strategic Transport point of view, I have no objections to Network Rail's plans to change the public right of way at Farnborough North station as a result of closing the level crossing. Given the evidence around high level of risk, the number of contraventions at the level crossing and the number of	

					<p>near misses for cyclists and pedestrians, the proposal to reduce/remove the risk makes sense.</p> <p>The scheme is acknowledged in HCC's formal policy document here Station Interchange Improvement Plan - Issue 1 - October 2024 on pages 54 & 55 which set out the current facilities and access arrangements at the station, along with HCC's aspirations to improve facilities for rail passengers. The document is a supporting document to our Local Transport Plan 4</p>	
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Copies of responses are given in the annexes to this report, as indicated above.

A copy of the consultation request (before customisation for any individuals) is given in Annex 2

1 - Department for Transport

From:

Sent: 18 February 2025 14:14

To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Good afternoon

I can confirm that relevant DfT teams have no comments.

Apologies for missing your original deadline.

Many thanks.

Cheers

Briefing and Correspondence Manager, Communications and Briefing Team, Operations,
Rail Services Group, Department for Transport, Department for Transport
Second Floor
Post to: Great Minster Hse, 33 Horseferry Rd, London, SW1P 4DR

2 - Transport for North

No response.

3 - Arriva Trains Cross Country

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 09:27

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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XC Trains Ltd has no comment on this proposed disposal.

Regards

Stations Contract Manager, CrossCountry

Mobile:

Address: 5th Floor, Cannon House, 18 The Priory Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6BS



4 - c2c Rail Limited

From:

Sent: 19 December 2024 18:09

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

No comment

Regards,

Works Delivery Coordinator

c2c

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7th Floor Centennium House,
100 Lower Thames Street,
London EC3R 6DL

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5 - Chiltern Railway Company Limited

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 09:33

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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No comment from Chiltern

Kind Regards,

Client Relations & Strategic Delivery Manager

Chiltern Railways

Great Central House, Marylebone Station, Melcombe Place, London, NW1 6JJ



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6 - Eurostar International Limited

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 09:47

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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No comment from Eurostar,

Thanks

PA to Chairman, Strategy Director & Director of People

Eurostar, Floor 6, Kings Place, 90 York Way, London N19AG, UK



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7 - Great Western Railway

From:

Sent: 05 February 2025 11:07

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

Hello

Many thanks for this. I'm sorry it slipped through here earlier.

We are fine in principle thank you but have the following comment, "the bridge has been delayed due to power issues so we won't hit February, and understand it is more likely to be April."

Many thanks.

Network Access Manager | Great Western Railway
1 Milford Street | Swindon | SN1 1HL

First Greater Western Limited | Registered in England and Wales number 05113733
Registered office: Milford House, 1 Milford Street, Swindon SN1 1HL.

8 - Grand Central Railway Company

From:

Sent: 05 February 2025 22:11

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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Hi

I can confirm no comments from Grand Central.

Regards

9 - London & South Eastern Railway Limited (Southeastern)

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 11:08

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hi

No comments on the proposed land disposal.

Thank you.

Major Contracts Commercial Manager

Southeastern

Southeasternrailway.co.uk

[4 More London Riverside](#)

[London](#)

[SE1 2AU](#)

10 - Merseyrail Electrics 2002 Limited

From:

Sent: 06 February 2025 09:30

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Good Morning,

Thank you for the Email.

We have no objections to this.

Many Thanks

11 - MTR Crossrail

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 14:06

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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Hi

We have no comments

Thanks

Head of Industry Coordination

MTR Elizabeth line

63 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8NH

mtr Elizabeth line | 

12 - Northern Rail Limited

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 15:58

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hi

Thank you for your email and the paperwork consultation. NTL do not wish to raise any comments as this area is outside of our network

Many thanks,

Information Officer

George Stephenson House, Toft Green
York YO1 6JT





13 - Avanti Trains

First Trenitalia West Coast Trains Limited (Avanti) and West Cost Partnership Development

From:

Sent: 21 February 2025 11:09

To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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Hi

Avanti West Coast (FTWCRL) have no objections due to been off route on the North Downs Line.

Many thanks



Network Planner & Track Access
Victoria Square House, Victoria Square, Birmingham, B2 4DN

14 - Transport UK

From:

Sent: 05 February 2025 09:33

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Morning

No comment from TUK.

Best regards

Head of Operations & Customers
Transport UK Group



www.transport-uk.com

1st Floor, 58 Robertson Street, Glasgow, G2 8DU



15 - COLAS Rail Limited

From:

Sent: 21 February 2025 11:14

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hi – no comments.

KR,



Head of Property

COLAS RAIL LTD

3rd Floor, 25 Victoria Street, London, SW1H 0EX United Kingdom

www.colasrail.co.uk

16 - Nuclear Transpot Solutions (Formally Direct Rail Services Limited)

From:

Sent: 11 February 2025 14:44

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hi

Apologies for missing this one.

NTS have no comments.

Kind regards,

Procurement Manager
Property & Infrastructure
Nuclear Transport Solutions



www.nucleartransportsolutions.com

www.directrailservices.com

At NTS we work flexibly - so whilst it suits me to email now, I do not expect a response or action outside of your own working hours.

17 - DB Cargo UK Ltd (Formerly DB Schenker)

From:

Sent: 28 January 2025 11:42

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hi

Sorry for the late reply on this.

DB Cargo has no objection to this proposal.

Kind Regards,

Access and Rail Network Advisor



Cargo

DB Cargo (UK) Limited, Lakeside Business Park, Carolina Way, Doncaster, DN4 5PN

Email:

Mobile:

Web: www.uk.dbcargo.com

Network Change and other consultations, e.g. land disposals, should be e-mailed to:

DBCargoConsultations@deutschebahn.com

18 - Logistics UK (Formally Freight Transport Association)

From:

Sent: 05 February 2025 12:10

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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Hi

Logistics UK has no objection to the proposed land disposal.

Best,

Senior Policy Advisor
Logistics UK

www.logistics.org.uk

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19 - Freightliner Limited

From:
Sent: 04 February 2025 16:20
To:
Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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No comment from FL

Thanks

20 - GB Railfreight Limited

From:
Sent: 19 December 2024 20:51
To:
Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

No issues from GBRf.

Regards,

Head of Strategic Access Planning

5th Floor, 62-64 Cornhill | London | EC3V 3NH

GB Railfreight Limited | Registered in England number 03707899

Registered Office: 5th Floor, 62-64 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3NH.

21 - Rail Freight Group

From:

Sent: 20 December 2024 08:46

To: Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

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Ok with RFG

Director General

Rail Freight Group

Please note I do not work on Fridays.



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22 - West Coast Railway Company

From:

Sent: 19 December 2024 17:38

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

no comments

WCR
E xxxxx

23 - W. H. Malcolm

From:

Sent: 19 December 2024 19:29

To:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

No comments.

Regards

Business & Estate Manager | W H Malcolm Ltd

Malcolm Group, Block 20, Edinburgh Road, Newhouse Industrial Estate, Newhouse,
Lanarkshire ML1 5RY

Web: www.malcolmgroup.co.uk | **Malcolm Group on LinkedIn**

24 - Association of Community Rail Partnerships

From:

Sent: 23 December 2024 12:06

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

Dear

We have no objections from Community Rail Network to this land disposal and agree the new accessible footbridge will provide a much safer way to cross this busy railway line.

Kind regards

Regions support manager



Web: communityrail.org.uk

Follow us on: Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, Bluesky, X and TikTok.

Address: The Old Water Tower, St Georges Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1JF



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25 - British Transport Police

From:

Sent: 23 December 2024 09:09

To:

Cc:

Subject: Network Rail Reference CR/54297

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Reference CR/54297 – Farnborough North Railway Station.

Dear

Thank you for sending over the Farnborough North disposal form. I have reviewed the planning documentation from the Rushmoor Borough Council planning portal.

One of my roles as a British Transport Police Designing Out crime Officer is reviewing incidents involving injury or worse on the rail network which includes level crossings etc.

I have reviewed the application and plans on the planning portal (planning reference 23/00338/FULPP). I appreciate that any divergence of a public footpath requires public consultation and can be a lengthy process from my personal experience. However, I fully support the proposal to install the lifts and footbridge over the railway lines which would greatly reduce the risks to pedestrians at this location.

Kind regards

Pro Qual Level 5 Crime Prevention
Designing Out Crime Officer
British Transport Police

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26 - Transport Focus (formerly Passenger Focus)

From:

Sent: 23 December 2024 14:05

To:

Subject: Re: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

Hi

Thanks, happy to accept this proposal.

Best regards

27 - Hampshire County Council

From:

Sent: 11 March 2025 14:29

To:

Cc:

Subject: RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hi

Thanks for your email.

Hampshire County Council recognises the need to rationalise the position at Farnborough North to improve public safety in light of the significant volume of use at the existing crossing. This is reflected in its collaborative approach with NR to date in progressing plans for a s118A order, coupled with a deed of dedication to create a public footpath over the new stepped footbridge. It would appear that the public at large are of the same view – the only objections we received to the s118A order came from members of the Ramblers (albeit one of those was in an individual capacity) on the grounds that cyclists would be disenfranchised by the move. Nobody has contested the proposal to remove at grade access in favour of the stepped bridge.

As discussed today, following the objections to the s118A order, both the County Council and NR have sought to negotiate them away without success, following which NR asked us to amend the proposed dedication so as to dedicate bridleway rights over the new bridge, followed immediately by a permanent TRO against equestrians. This proposal has been accepted in principle by the objectors, and so it would appear that if and when such a dedication is completed and the objections withdrawn, this would facilitate the confirmation of the s118A order. However, I note from our discussion that you had reservations about this approach and intended to discuss it with

I hope the above is helpful in terms of obtaining the necessary clearance but if you need me to add anything to the form etc do let me know.

If you could let us know if there needs to be a change of emphasis regarding the dedication as soon as you're able that would be much appreciated.

Many thanks

Definitive Map Team Manager

Countryside Access Team, Universal Services,

The Castle, Winchester, SO23 8UD

28 - Hampshire County Council**From:****Sent:** 19 March 2025 16:51**To:****Subject:** RE: Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

OFFICIAL

Hello

Just to confirm that from a Strategic Transport point of view, I have no objections to Network Rail's plans to change the public right of way at Farnborough North station as a result of closing the level crossing. Given the evidence around high level of risk, the number of contraventions at the level crossing and the number of near misses for cyclists and pedestrians, the proposal to reduce/remove the risk makes sense.

The scheme is acknowledged in HCC's formal policy document here [Station Interchange Improvement Plan - Issue 1 - October 2024](#) on pages 54 & 55 which set out the current facilities and access arrangements at the station, along with HCC's aspirations to improve facilities for rail passengers. The document is a supporting document to our Local Transport Plan 4.

If you have any further questions, just let me know.

Regards

Strategic Transport Manager (Public Transport)

Hampshire 2050
The Castle
Winchester SO23 8UL
www.hants.gov.uk/transport

Annex 2**From:****Sent:** 19 December 2024 17:26**Subject:** Consultation on proposed land disposal: Farnborough North station

Dear Consultee,

We are currently seeking views of relevant parties on our proposed land disposal at Farnborough North station by way of a deed of dedication to create a public right of way over the station platforms and new footbridge. This is to replace the existing bridleway that is to be extinguished over the existing level crossing at the station.

We attach a draft application form which together with the related plan(s), explains the proposed land disposal in detail. Following this consultation and having considered any comments that are received, a decision will be made whether to submit a formal application to ORR for consent to dispose under the terms of our network licence.

It is therefore important that we have your views as to whether you believe that the proposed disposal site has any foreseeable railway, or other public transport, use which may lead us to consider that it is inappropriate to dispose of that site. Please be aware that any comments relating to Station Change, Network Change or Planning processes will be dealt with separately as part of their respective consultations.

Any application made will be based on this draft Property Disposal form and updated in light of consultation responses. It is therefore important that we have your views on the proposed disposal. Please could any comments be provided to me via email by Monday **20th January 2025**.

If a formal application to ORR is made we will, in accordance with ORR's regulatory arrangements for land disposal, send you notification of our application in due course.

If you have any queries regarding our proposal do not hesitate to contact me. If future consultations of the nature should be directed elsewhere within your organisation please advise us of the appropriate contacts details so that we may amend our records.

Merry Christmas!

Yours sincerely



Kind Regards

Senior Surveyor

Network Rail Property (Southern)

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