

Ian Biggar
Access Policy Advisor
Email stationsanddepots@orr.gov.uk



BY EMAIL ONLY

15 August 2025

Gareth Williams
General Secretary
Eurostar International Limited
6th Floor, Kings Place
90 York Way
London
N1 9AG

Dear Mr Williams,

EUROSTAR INTERNATIONAL LIMITED'S PROPOSED FUTURE USE OF AVAILABLE CAPACITY AT TEMPLE MILLS INTERNATIONAL DEPOT

1. As set out in our letter of 5 June 2025, we are now writing to invite a reply from Eurostar International Limited (Eurostar). This follows the publication on the Office of Rail and Road's (ORR) website of the further information, clarification and representations regarding the use of capacity at Temple Mills International depot (TMI) submitted by each of the applicants and by Eurostar.
2. The purpose of this step in the process is to allow Eurostar to provide comments on the submissions from Evolyn, from VTE Holdings Limited, from Gemini Trains and from Trenitalia France. These will be considered as part of ORR's assessment. Similarly, Evolyn, VTE Holdings Limited, Gemini Trains and Trenitalia France will be invited to comment on the submission of Eurostar.
3. Evolyn, VTE Holdings Limited, Gemini Trains and Trenitalia France have provided further information regarding their applications for directions for access to TMI. ORR is now inviting Eurostar to reply to these submissions, details of which can be accessed using the links below.
 - [Evolyn](#)
 - [VTE](#)
 - [Gemini Trains](#) and
 - [Trenitalia France](#)
4. ORR also invited representations from interested persons/parties with a wider interest and received replies from the Department for Transport and from Kent

County Council. We also invite Eurostar's reply to those submissions, details of which can be accessed using the links below.

- [Department for Transport](#)
- [Kent County Council](#)

Deadline for Eurostar's response

5. Please provide details of Eurostar's response to the submission no later than Thursday 4 September 2025.

Publication and disclosure

6. We propose to publish your response on our website in line with our usual processes. To that end I should be grateful if you would indicate in your response whether there are any matters that Eurostar considers should not be published. The criteria for making exclusions are specified in section 71(2) of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). They cover any matter which relates to the affairs of an individual or a particular body of persons, whether corporate or unincorporated, where publication of that matter would or might, in the opinion of ORR, seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of that person or body. You should therefore set out for each proposed exclusion your reasons, demonstrating why publication may seriously and prejudicially affect the interests of Eurostar (or any other body or person, if you think that is an issue).
7. ORR may also share your response with Evolyn, with VTE Holdings Limited, with Gemini Trains and with Trenitalia France. We will, however, give consideration to requests for non-disclosure and in doing so we will generally apply the same test as set out in section 71(2) of the Act. Therefore, if there is any information contained within your response that you consider is commercially sensitive or confidential then you should make this clear in your response and we will consider whether it would be appropriate in the circumstances to exclude such information. Please note that we intend to take the same approach to information, clarification and/or representations received from all applicants, and from interested persons/parties with a wider interest.

Yours sincerely,

