

BY EMAIL ONLY

15 August 2025

Phil Whittingham,
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Dear Mr Whittingham,

VTE HOLDINGS LIMITED'S (VTE) APPLICATION FOR DIRECTIONS UNDER SECTION 17 OF THE RAILWAYS ACT 1993 FOR ACCESS TO TEMPLE MILLS INTERNATIONAL DEPOT

1. As set out in our letter of 5 June 2025, we are now writing to invite a reply from VTE Holdings Limited (VTE). 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 International Limited (Eurostar).
2. The purpose of this step in the process is to allow VTE and the other applicants to provide comments on Eurostar's submission and these will be considered as part of ORR's assessment. Similarly, Eurostar will be invited to comment on the submission of each applicant.
3. It is a matter for each applicant if they wish to comment on submissions from the other applicants. However, this is not part of ORR's assessment process and ORR is not inviting such comments.
4. Eurostar has provided information regarding its planned future use of the available capacity at TMI. ORR is now inviting VTE to reply to Eurostar's submission, details of which can be accessed using the link below.
 - [Eurostar](#)
5. 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 VTE's reply to those submissions, details of which can be accessed using the links below.

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

Deadline for VTE's response

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

Publication and disclosure

7. 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end I should be grateful if you would indicate in your response whether there are any matters that VTE considers should not be published.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 VTE (or any other body or person, if you think that is an issue).
8. ORR may also share your response with Eurostar. In the event that you do choose to provide comments on the submissions made by the other applicants, we may also share your response with them. 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 other applicants, from Eurostar and from interested persons/parties with a wider interest.

Yours sincerely,

