

BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Oliver,

**APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR CHANGE 135 RELATING TO PART D
[TIMETABLE PLANNING RULES] OF THE NETWORK RAIL NETWORK CODE**

1. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today approved Proposal for Change (PfC) 135 to the Network Rail Network Code, which was submitted to it by the Class Representative Committee (CRC) on 21 October 2025.
2. Sponsored by Network Rail, PfC 135 amends Part D of the Network Code which relates to Timetable Planning Rules (TPRs). The proposal was approved by the CRC at its meeting on 10 October 2025 with 6 votes in favour and 2 votes against.
3. ORR notes that the CRC have requested that the proposal take effect from 6 February 2026, following the publication of Version 2 of the 2027 Timetable Planning Rules (TPRs), as per Condition C7.1.1 of the Network Code.
4. ORR has noted the comments made by representatives at the CRC meeting on 10 October 2025 regarding the need for improved communication and behavioural changes to ensure this change to the TPRs has the intended effects. ORR requests that Network Rail applies consistency in its communication with the different operators and emphasizes the need for early engagement to ensure the changes are implemented effectively. ORR is monitoring Network Rail's approach to decision criteria and consistency of approach for TPRs to improve overall quality of TPR change requests.
5. ORR has reviewed the consultation responses that were received and considered by the CRC at its meeting on 10 October 2025. The approval of PfC 135 is consistent with ORR's section 4 duties.
6. In accordance with Condition C7.1.1 of the Network Code, the amendments to the Network Code shall take effect from 6 February 2026, after the publication of Version 2 of the 2027 Timetable Planning Rules.
7. In giving the CRC notice of approval ORR also copies this letter and attached notice to all parties identified under Condition A4.1 of the Network Code.



8. A copy of this letter, the approval notice and a marked up copy of Part D of the Network Code, showing all the proposed changes, will be placed on the ORR website. A copy of the approval notice will also be placed on the ORR's public register.

Yours sincerely

Jack Barkby