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From: @freightliner.co.uk

Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 5:49 PM

To: @orr.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: RE: WM trains 5th SA - Kenilworth Station

Dear Jonathan

I can confirm that whilst, there is, a degree of comfort around timetabling and performance for freight services 'on the day' we remain opposed in principle to the opening of the station and the timetable to serve the station. Our primary objection is that the construction of the station and the introduction of services to serve the station prevents the introduction of 775m length trains to serve the port of Southampton, as a result of the station construction and planned timetable only 30% of the train paths to/from the port of Southampton will be able to run at 775m.

When the Strategic Freight Network (SFN) Steering Group agreed to fund and authorise the Southampton to WCML Freight Train Lengthening Scheme in early CP4 (with taxpayer funding), for delivery in CP4 it was in the expectation that all train services to/from the port of Southampton would be extended to 775m in length, enabling rail freight operators to meet the growth in demand for rail services at the port. The fact that Network Rail failed to meet delivery expectations is besides the point in this case, the subsequent decision in CP5 to deliver a station and allow that to take precedence over the CP4 SFN enhancement scheme for delivery has resulted in a fundamental impediment in the future growth of freight services to/from the port of Southampton. Therefore we remain opposed to the introduction of services for Kenilworth until Network Rail can confirm to the freight operators how and when they will complete the funded and authorised enhancements in the area for the Southampton to WCML Freight Train Lengthening Scheme and how they can deliver the ability to run all trains to/from the port of Southampton at 775m as specified.

Regards

Chris

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Freightliner Group

From:

Sent: 21 December 2017 16:18

To: Chris Wilson

Cc: Lindsay Durham; James Carter; Satchwell Carew

Subject: WM trains 5th SA - Kenilworth Station

Dear Chris

I refer to your consultation response to this application, dated 10 August 2017, and London Midland's reply to you, dated 10 October 2017.

ORR's review of this application is ongoing. I assume that you are aware of Warwickshire County Council's recent statement<<https://kenilworthstation.wordpress.com/2017/12/04/kenilworth-station-update-4th-december-2017/>> that train services are now due to start from February 2018. In addition, on 17 November 2017, London Midland wrote to us regarding their decision not to proceed with Sunday services at this time (attached).

Taking into account these recent developments, please let me know if you have any comments regarding the 17 November letter. Please also confirm if you consider that your earlier objections to this application have been resolved.

Regards

Jonathan Rodgers

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