

NOTIFICATION TO THE OFFICE OF RAIL AND ROAD OF A PROPOSED OPEN ACCESS SERVICE THAT MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE ECONOMIC EQUILIBRIUM TEST

Please use this form to notify the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) of an open access service that may be subject to the Economic Equilibrium Test.

For further information, please see our published [Guidance on the Economic Equilibrium Test](#).

Information submitted in this form regarding the planned operation of the service should cover at least the first three years and, as far as possible, the first five years of operation.

Submitted forms will be published on the ORR website and notified to the relevant parties.

If this form is submitted with incomplete information, ORR will inform the applicant that incomplete requests will not be considered and will give the applicant the possibility to complete its request within ten working days.

This form does not replace our usual access application process, which should be followed in the usual manner as set out in our published [guidance](#).

ORR may request additional information in order to undertake the Economic Equilibrium Test.

What to send:

Please supply this form by e-mail, **in plain Microsoft Word or Open Document Text format** (i.e. excluding any macros, auto-para or page numbering, or other auto-formatting).

Where to send it:

Email: track.access@orr.gov.uk

You should also send a completed copy of this notification form to the relevant infrastructure manager.

Applicant details:

Company: GO-OP Co-operative Limited
Contact individual: Alex Lawrie
Job title: Operations Director
Address: 10 East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EW

Telephone number: [redacted]
E-mail address: [redacted]

Date of Form OA submission to ORR:	15/11/2019
Planned start date of services:	16/05/2021

Does the applicant:

- (a) hold a valid train operating licence under section 8 of the Railways Act 1993 or an exemption under section 7, or under The Railway (Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2005, **and**
- (b) hold a valid safety certificate under the Railways and Other Guided Transport Systems (Safety) Regulations 2006.

If the answer to (a) **or** (b) is no, please state the point reached in obtaining a licence, exemption and/or safety certificate.

We have held initial discussions with ORR in the context of the proposed first service that we are developing, including sharing drafts of our safety management system, business plan and proposed governance structure.

Summary of the proposed service:

Please include the detailed route of the proposed service, indicating departure and destination stations and all intermediate stops.

1. Taunton – Bishops Lydeard – Williton - Watchet (national network to Norton Fitzwarren Junction, West Somerset Railway beyond). Once per day each way, this will be extended with Taunton - Castle Cary or Taunton – Castle Cary – Frome.
2. Castle Cary – Yeovil Pen Mill – Yeovil Junction. Once per day each way, this may be extended with Frome – Castle Cary. Twice per day each way, this may be extended with Yeovil Junction – Sherborne – Templecombe – Gillingham; twice per day each way it may instead operate Castle Cary – Yeovil Pen Mill – Thornford – Yetminster – Maiden Newton – Dorchester West. These extensions may be needed to make efficient use of capacity, or to add regularity to services from market towns.

Please set out the indicative timings and frequency of the proposed service, including proposed departure and arrival times. This information may be submitted in an annex if preferred.

No more than every two hours; timings will be subject to discussion with GWR with the aim of approaching an hourly clockface service for Yeovil Pen Mill. First departure from either Frome or Castle Cary between 0500 and 0630, last arrival at Frome or Castle Cary between 2100 and 2230. This service is dependent on GO-OP securing rights for mainline Taunton – Swindon services which are the subject of a separate application.

Please set out indicative information about the intended rolling stock.

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