

Planning and Timing of Engineering Works Review Terms of Reference

1. Purpose of Review

To make recommendations on the best times of year to undertake major works on the rail network having regard to the trade-offs between reliable and predictable operation of train services and efficient execution of necessary engineering work.

2. Commissioning and stakeholders

The report has been commissioned by the Secretary of State for Transport. The review will be sponsored by Network Rail but will fall under the responsibility of the Rail Delivery Group for their approval as to the recommendations and for publication.

Key stakeholders to this Review are: the DfT, Transport Scotland, Transport for London, RDG and the ORR.

Key consultees will include Passenger Focus and London Travelwatch.

3. Scope of the Review

(i) to consider the lessons learned from experience of Christmas 2014 and earlier major programmes of engineering work and their possessions, including those outside holiday periods.

(ii) to review experience and best practice in other countries.

(iii) to consider factors affecting the impact of engineering work on train service operations at different times of year.

(iv) to consider how major work can best be managed so as to limit impact on passenger and freight operations, whenever work is carried out, including risk analysis and contingency planning.

(v) to consider incentives provided by the existing compensation schemes in relation to access and efficient engineering work.

(vi) and to make recommendations.

4. Timing.

The review will commence on the 13th January 2015 and be completed by the end of March 2015.

5. Resources

i. Sufficient expert resources will be made available to the team by Network Rail and the RDG working group on access.

ii. A resource will be made available to make notes of the interviews and to draft the report.

6. Budget

The budget for the review will be made available by Network Rail