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North West Timeline

13 Feb 2025

P2026/4147027 Oxenholme – Carlisle

Was cancelled in PPS but appeared in the above because data freeze had taken place.

14 Feb 2025

Week 2-3 Tri-Link Blockades published in 14 Feb 2025 V1 Section 7

P4147026

P2026/4147027

Oxenholme – Carlisle

06 May 2025

P2026/4147027 Preston Fylde – Carnforth South. Cancelled in PPS.

27 May 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan invite

29 May 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan Teams meeting with Operators

29 May 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan updated possession plan issued to Operators

29 May 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan review internal invite.

02 June 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan review internal Teams meeting

19 June 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan internal distribution for review and feedback.

03 July 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan updated version from 19 June feedback internal distribution

09 July 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan updated version external distribution

10 July 2025

North West Y3 Recovery Plan Teams meeting with Operators

16 July 2025

In response to need for diversionary route availability conformation that the primary diversionary route for freight through the East Midlands can be opened

31 July 2025

Formal proposal for North West Y3 recovery plan issued via EAP Reference: LNWN26-0005

Response date Fri 15 Aug

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11 Aug 2025

GBRF response to LNWN26-0005

Our acceptance is based on an acceptable TT study being produced that accommodates our required services as set out below – If this request progresses to a Decision, it will be disputed pending the delivery of an acceptable TT study.

Week 02

GB Railfreight require a TT study that accommodates the following:

4S57 on Saturday diverted via Burton, Erewash Beighton, Doncaster, ECML, Millerhill, Midcalder and Shotts.

6L35 on Saturday extended to Doncaster Up Decoy, running via Tyne Valley, ECML – will need to arrive circa 23:00

6L38 on Monday depart from Doncaster Up Decoy (vice Kingmoor Loop Sunday), will need to depart circa 04:00 and run via the ECML and Canonbury.

Week 03

GB Railfreight require a TT study that accommodates the following:

6L35 on Saturday extended to Doncaster Up Decoy, running via Tyne Valley, ECML – will need to arrive circa 23:00

6L38 on Monday depart from Doncaster Up Decoy (vice Kingmoor Loop Sunday), will need to depart circa 04:00 and run via the ECML and Canonbury.

11 Sep 2025

LNW North Route Operator DPPP Meeting.

Extract from GBRF email

4251334

4257811

4251331

4251845

As per xxxxx xxxxx response to the LNP, we would require an acceptable timetable study for this possession.

26 Sep 2025

Decision to EAP Reference: LNWN26-0005 issued with the note below in relation to Freight Services.

“The revised planning of freight services will be based on recent capacity studies involving diversions away from this affected section of the WCML.”

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29 Sep 2025

In response to the issue of Decision LNWN26-0005 extract from GBRF email

GB Railfreight will have to proceed with a Notice of Dispute in regard to the decision below.

- *Currently we have no gauge cleared route for our vehicle traffic from Dagenham to Garston.*
- *We have yet to see if the timetable for diversions received for weeks 41 and 42 actually work.*
- *We have yet to understand if operators on diversionary routes are accepting changes made in the week 41 and 42 timetable study for all the weeks set out in the decision.*
- *Further timetable study work needs to happen for the weekends there are TRU Eye of the Needle weekend blocks.*
- *Confirmation required the Section 4s and 5s are clear on diversionary routes during all weeks set out in the decision below.*

All of the above have been raised on the calls concerning the NW WCML recovery plan and are still outstanding.

01 Oct 2025

Extract from NR email to GBRF email 29 Sep

We are working through the issue's you highlight, and we will formulate a response in due course which will detail what we are doing to address these issues and move forward with a palatable solution for all.

02 Oct LNW North Route Operator CPPP published

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03 Oct Extract from NR email to GBRF email 29 Sep

Just to keep you informed, we've now engaged xxxxxxx from xxxxxx to support our capacity assessments and to work through the diversion issues you've raised. His involvement will help ensure these matters are addressed thoroughly and appropriately.

03 Oct 2025

Notice of Dispute (Decision Notice)

We are continuing discussions with Network Rail and do not consider there to be a requirement for the dispute resolution process to be expedited at this stage. However with CPPP being issued already, including this possession, if nothing has been done to gauge clear the route via the East Coast Mainline to accommodate 6X77, GB Railfreight expect to expedite this Notice of Dispute towards the end of October. GB Railfreight will Dispute this access under the CPPP publication as well.

03 Oct 2025

Extract from GBRF email to NR email

I have given a deadline of end of October before I expedite the dispute.

The gauging via ECML needs starting now and this applied to the weeks 41 – 42 blockade as well.

09 Oct 2025

Notice of Dispute to the (CPPP) from GBRF

We are continuing discussions with Network Rail and do not consider there to be a requirement for the dispute resolution process to be expedited at this stage

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20 Oct 2025

Notice of Dispute from GBRF

On behalf of GB Railfreight Limited, Company Number 03707899 and pursuant to D5 of the Network Code Part D, I give Notice of Dispute with Network Rail Infrastructure Limited as, "After TW-30 but by TW-26, Network Rail shall consult with each Timetable Participant affected (directly or indirectly) by the Restrictions of Use proposed pursuant to Condition D3.4.7 and shall seek to agree all Network Rail Variations to be made". Network Rail has not consulted (direct or indirect timetable participants), nor sought agreement on the Network Rail Variations that are to be made, as is required under Condition D3.4.8.

Under the Access Impact Matrix contained within the National TPRs Section 7.2, this set of blockade(s) is defined as a Severity 4 Timetable Study.

No Timetable Study has been provided nor even started. On both counts, Network Rail has therefore breached its contractual obligations.

We request that the determination process be expedited because the severity of impact on GB Railfreight's services and customers and due to the remedy being sought by GB Railfreight for the full removal of possessions / Restrictions of Use listed below

Week 02 P4246624 - Blockade of the WCML Saturday 11 to Friday 17 April between Preston Fylde Jn and Lancaster. Week 03 P4246625 - Blockade of the WCML Saturday 18 to Monday 20 April between Preston Fylde Jn and Lancaster (continuation of the blockade)