OXFORDSHIRE
STRATEGIC RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

Applicant's Responses to ExQ1

Appendix 1 - Rail Programme

Document Reference: 11.3A

On behalf of
Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited

October 2026

PINS REF:	TR050008
Document Reference	11.3A
APFP Regulation	5(2)(q)
Author	Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited
Date	26 October 2026
Revision	-

Rail Works Illustrative Programme as agreed between Network Rail and ORL

1. The National Networks National Policy Statement (NNNPS) 2024 states at paragraph 4.88 that applicants should provide evidence of discussions and demonstrate agreement with Network Rail regarding the planned timeframe for the delivery and commissioning of rail network connections.

2. For OxSRFI, the Applicant first engaged with Network Rail formally in 2019 and has continued to do so as the design evolves. Technical assessment has progressed through Network Rail's project governance PACE (Project Acceleration in a Controlled Environment) and certified to the end of Engineering Stage 2 (ES2). The signed Statement of Common Ground between the parties outlines the level and extent of engagement and discussions that have taken place.[1]

3. The engagement between the parties has included discussions regarding the scope and extent of the proposed rail works and associated programme dependencies. An illustrative rail works programme has been agreed and is attached. This aligns with the Applicant's over-arching illustrative master programme (Construction Environmental Management Plan or CEMP[2]) for the overall development, as well the Statement of Common Ground between the parties, the latter noting that delivery and commissioning of the rail network connections could not be achieved in any less than three years from determination of the DCO.

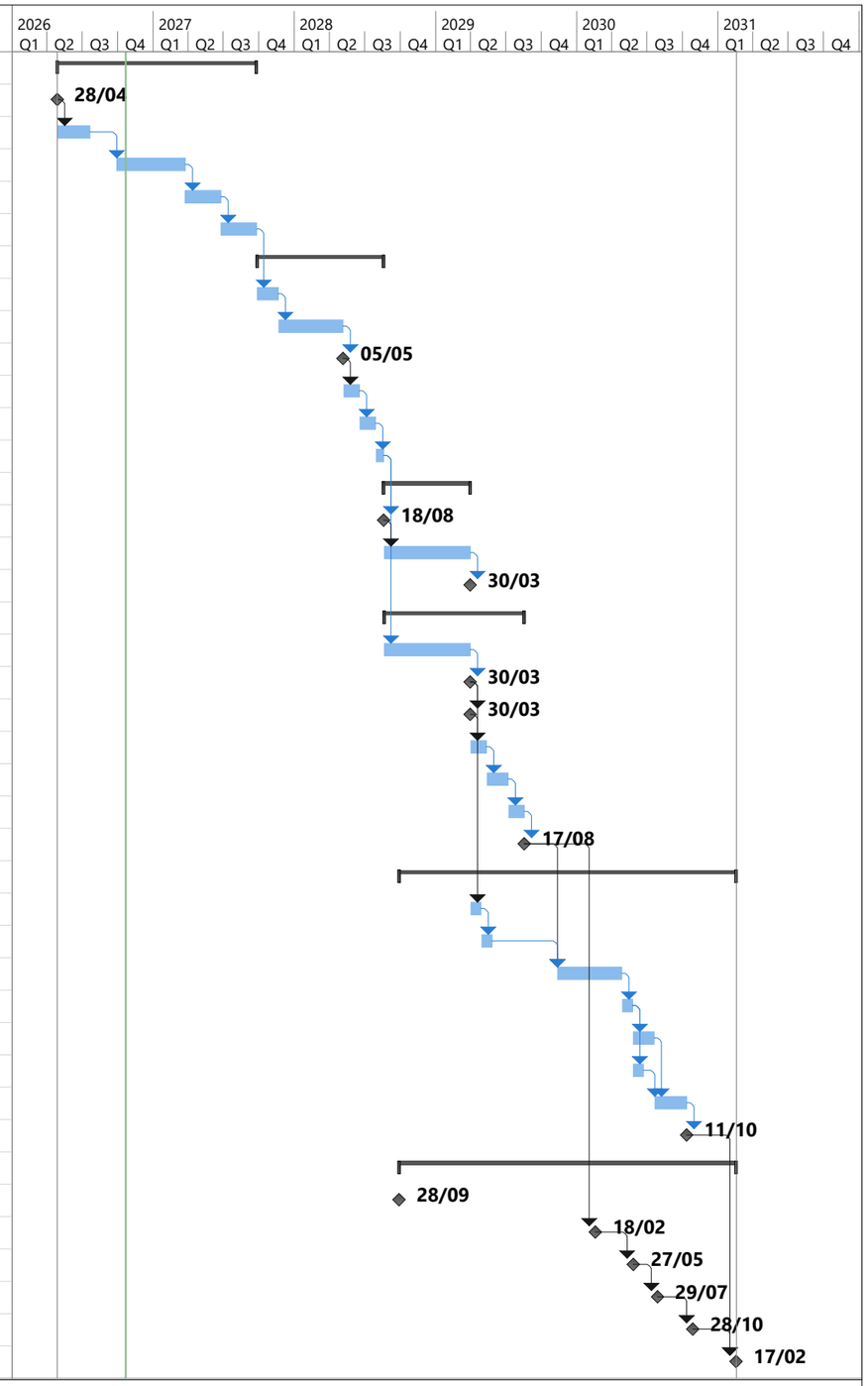
4. Network Rail is the Government-appointed manager of the national rail network, and ultimately is responsible for the approval and programming of works undertaken on or adjacent to the Chiltern Main Line. This would be undertaken through the industry-standard PACE governance.

5. Network Rail will continue to work with the Applicant, as it has been doing throughout the PACE process to date, and will commit resources to support progression of detailed design and, in turn, detailed programming of the rail works package.

6. At that point, Network Rail's approvals process known as "Network Change" (Part G of the Network Code[3]) would be undertaken, in part to ensure that the proposed possessions would keep disruption on the surrounding rail network to a minimum. This would be determined through an updated timetable pathing study and consultation with rail industry stakeholders.

[1] Document 8.1 - SoCG with Network Rail
[2] Document 6.2C – Environmental Statement Appendix 2.3
[3] A set of contractual rules incorporated into each track access agreement between Network Rail and all train operators.

ID	Task Mode	Task Name	Duration	Start	Finish	Predecessors	Resource Names
1		**DCO Activities**	**369 days**	**Tue 28/04/26**	**Fri 24/09/27**		
2		DCO accepted	0 days	Tue 28/04/26	Tue 28/04/26		
3		Pre-examination	3 mons	Tue 28/04/26	Mon 20/07/26	2	
4		Examination	127 days	Tue 29/09/26	Wed 24/03/27	3	
5		Recommendation	66 days	Thu 25/03/27	Thu 24/06/27	4	
6		Secretary of State Decision	66 days	Fri 25/06/27	Fri 24/09/27	5	
7		**PACE Engineering Stages ES3 - 4**	**235 days**	**Mon 27/09/27**	**Fri 18/08/28**		
8		Single option design development	2 mons	Mon 27/09/27	Fri 19/11/27	6	
9		Form A design progression	6 mons	Mon 22/11/27	Fri 05/05/28	8	
10		Inter-Disciplinary Check (IDC)	0 days	Fri 05/05/28	Fri 05/05/28	9	
11		Issue Design Review Notice (DRN) for Form A design	30 days	Mon 08/05/28	Fri 16/06/28	10	
12		Revisions	30 days	Mon 19/06/28	Fri 28/07/28	11	
13		DRN approval	15 days	Mon 31/07/28	Fri 18/08/28	12	
14		**Network Change / Licence Condition 17**	**160 days**	**Fri 18/08/28**	**Fri 30/03/29**		
15		Application	0 days	Fri 18/08/28	Fri 18/08/28	13	
16		Process	8 mons	Mon 21/08/28	Fri 30/03/29	15	
17		Completion	0 days	Fri 30/03/29	Fri 30/03/29	16	
18		**PACE Engineering Stage ES5**	**260 days**	**Mon 21/08/28**	**Fri 17/08/29**		
19		Form B Design	8 mons	Mon 21/08/28	Fri 30/03/29	13	
20		IDC	0 days	Fri 30/03/29	Fri 30/03/29	19	
21		Early Contractor Engagement (ECI)	0 days	Fri 30/03/29	Fri 30/03/29	20	
22		Issue DRN for Form B design	30 days	Mon 02/04/29	Fri 11/05/29	20	
23		Revisions	2 mons	Mon 14/05/29	Fri 06/07/29	22	
24		DRN approval	30 days	Mon 09/07/29	Fri 17/08/29	23	
25		End of design activities	0 days	Fri 17/08/29	Fri 17/08/29	24	
26		**PACE Engineering Stages ES6 - 8**	**622 days**	**Thu 28/09/28**	**Mon 17/02/31**		
27		Construction procurement / delivery partner appointment	1 mon	Mon 02/04/29	Fri 27/04/29	21	
28		Pre-construction mobilisation / ECI	1 mon	Mon 30/04/29	Fri 25/05/29	27	
29		Rail Terminal formation works	6 mons	Mon 12/11/29	Fri 26/04/30	28,25FS+3 mons	
30		Rail Terminal track installation	1 mon	Mon 29/04/30	Fri 24/05/30	29	
31		Rail Terminal signalling works installation	2 mons	Mon 27/05/30	Fri 19/07/30	30	
32		Rail Terminal Electrical & Power (E&P) works	1 mon	Mon 27/05/30	Fri 21/06/30	30	
33		Rail Terminal snagging	3 mons	Mon 22/07/30	Fri 11/10/30	31,32	
34		Substantive completion of Rail Terminal construction works	0 days	Fri 11/10/30	Fri 11/10/30	33	
35		**Engineering Possession Milestones**	**622 days**	**Thu 28/09/28**	**Mon 17/02/31**		
36		Ardley Tunnel works	0 days	Thu 28/09/28	Thu 28/09/28		
37		Stage 1 Possession	0 days	Mon 18/02/30	Mon 18/02/30	25	
38		Stage 2 Possession	0 days	Mon 27/05/30	Mon 27/05/30	37	
39		Stage 3 Possession	0 days	Mon 29/07/30	Mon 29/07/30	38	
40		Stage 4 Possession	0 days	Mon 28/10/30	Mon 28/10/30	39	
41		Connections to main line completed	0 days	Mon 17/02/31	Mon 17/02/31	40,34	



OxSRFI
OXFORDSHIRE
STRATEGIC RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE

Project: OxSRFI Draft Illustrative Rail Works Programme
Date: Thu 22/10/26

Task	Project Summary	Manual Task	Start-only	Deadline	
Split	Inactive Task	Duration-only	Finish-only	Progress	
Milestone	Inactive Milestone	Manual Summary Rollup	External Tasks	Manual Progress	
Summary	Inactive Summary	Manual Summary	External Milestone		