

Consultation – Crossrail Central Operating Section (CCOS)

Request for views on proposed changes to the CCOS
Track Access documentation

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1 Background

Transport for London (TfL) and Rail for London (Infrastructure) Limited (RfL(I)) published a suite of Track Access documentation for use of the CCOS in October 2017 and made some further amendments in December 2019 and October 2021¹.

RfL(I) now wishes to consult on certain amendments to the CCOS Track Access documentation to reflect changes to the Network Code of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (NR).

2 Changes to the CCOS Track Access documentation

2.1 Introduction

In the consultation on the CCOS Track Access documentation in March 2017² the following principle was stated:

“TfL/RfL(I) believe that, unless there is a good reason, the arrangements for accessing the CCOS track should reflect the position adopted elsewhere in the railway industry. In particular, as the CCOS will be connected to the railway operated by NR at Westbourne Park Junction and Pudding Mill Lane Junction, the arrangements should reflect those for accessing NR’s network and the ORR’s “model form” track access agreement. This will assist train operators in adopting a “whole industry approach” if they seek to use the CCOS.

At the same time TfL/RfL(I) consider there are sometimes good reasons for not always replicating the approach used by NR. In general, these relate to the characteristics of the CCOS and the relative size of the CCOS compared with the size of NR’s network. At all times, TfL/RfL(I) have sought to adopt an approach which is appropriate, proportionate and pragmatic to the CCOS.”

Further to this principle RfL(I) have reviewed a number of recent changes agreed to NR’s Network Code.

The changes to the NR Network Code which RfL(I) has reviewed together with the proposed amendments to the CCOS documentation are summarised below. Further background to the NR changes can be found on NR’s website <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/industry-and-commercial/information-for-operators/network-code/> under the “Proposals for Change” (completed) section.

2.2 Proposals for Change 109 to 112 relating to Part D of the NR Network Code and Part R (the NR Access and Dispute Resolution Rules (NR ADRR)) (May 2022)³

These Changes are summarised below:

Proposal for Change 109 - An administrative correction to a typographical error that was contained within D3.7.1.

¹ <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/crossrail-central-operating-section>

² *ibid*

³ <http://orr.gov.uk/rail/access-to-the-network/the-network-code/modifications>

Proposal for Change 110 - An administrative correction to a typographical error that was contained within D4.3.1(b).

Proposal for Change 111 – An amendment to Part D, Annex 1 in relation to the Calendar of Events and the associated inclusion of a new Annex detailing the timeline for the consultation and publication of the Calendar of Events.

Proposal for Change 112 – An administrative correction to ADRR, Chapter A, Rule 21 having noted that the email address contained therein was incorrect.

No amendments are proposed to the CCOS Track Access documentation in relation to Proposals for Change: 109 as there is no such error in the CCOS Network Code; 110 as there is no equivalent text in the CCOS Network Code; and 112 as the CCOS ADRR deals with this issue correctly.

In relation to Proposal for Change 111 RfL(I) does not have its own separate Calendar of Events process and instead, in the interests of a cross-industry approach, uses the NR Calendar of Events process where an Event is reasonably likely to have an impact on the CCOS. It is proposed therefore to make changes as appropriate to the equivalent provisions of the CCOS Network Code.

2.3 Potential future changes - Proposals for Change 114 to 116 relating to Part R of the NR Network Code

RfL(I) is aware that these changes are currently being consulted on by NR. RfL(I) will consider the outcome of the NR consultation process in addition to CCOS consultee responses before finalising its proposals.

3 How to Respond to the Consultation

A marked-up version of the CCOS Network Code is available on the CCOS Regulation page of the TfL website⁴.

We would like to know what you think about our proposals. Please give us your views before Tuesday 2nd August 2022 by email to the following email address:

RFLI-NetworkAccess@tfl.gov.uk .

4 Next Steps

Following the consultation RfL(I) will publish an updated version of the CCOS Network Code on the CCOS Regulation page of the TfL website.

⁴ <https://tfl.gov.uk/corporate/publications-and-reports/crossrail-central-operating-section>