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By email: Louise.Bearcroft@kirklees.gov.uk

Dear Louise,

The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order 2022

Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours at Huddersfield Viaduct

In compliance with Section 3.1.3 of the Code of Construction Practice (CoCP) Part A, Network Rail is submitting this request to vary the standard working hours for works at Huddersfield Viaduct for your consideration.

The Alliance Civils team is currently undertaking improvement works across Huddersfield Viaduct. Part of these improvement works include:

1. Spandrel wall strengthening works around Span 30-4; and
2. Demolition and reconstruction work to Span 29.

The above listed works will be undertaken primarily during the normal core working hours as agreed. Rules of the Route possessions, which are not restricted to the standard working hours stated in the CoCP Part A, will also be utilised where available.

However, to address health & safety concerns, related to the public and workforce, elements of these works can only be completed outside of normal working hours. Additionally, to ensure these necessary works are completed as promptly as possible, thereby reducing potential program risk to the upcoming major railway blockade (September 2025), a proportion of these works will also need to be undertaken outside of core working hours.

The request would therefore be to allow the Alliance to conduct these works outside of the agreed core working hours, for midweek shifts Monday to Friday as follows:

- 19:30 – 20:00 Arrive on site, conduct briefings, and preparatory works.
- 20:00 – 04:00 Undertake works.
- 04:00 – 04:30 Demobilisation works, tidy site and undertake post work briefs.

The periods between which these extended working hours would be required for, would be as per the Table 1 below.

Table 1: Works Programme Dates

Activity	Dates
Activity 1: Demolition / Reconstruction works to Span 29	May 2025 – August 2026
Activity 2: Spandrel Wall Strengthening in proximity to Spans 30-47	May 2025 – February 2027

The Alliance has commissioned a Noise Consultant to undertake a formal Noise and Vibration (N&V) Assessment, to identify potential impacts from these works which we are seeking to extend working hours.

The noise predictions from this assessment do indicate that noise levels at one noise sensitive receptor (“Viaduct Works” student accommodation building on Ray Street) will be above the Significant Observed Adverse Effect Level (SOAEL) threshold.

To mitigate this, the Alliance are committed to undertaking a further full cumulative assessment, of all works across Huddersfield Viaduct area, to determine how many days SOAL exceedance will occur, and to determine the need for possible temporary rehousing (or costs thereof) to potentially affected residents. The works will at all times comply with the Stage 4 submission of the Noise and Vibration Management Plan 151667-TSA-00-REP-W-EN-001243.

No works will be undertaken outside of normal working hours until approval of this request is received. However, given the justification provided and criticality of requiring extended working hours, it is hoped that this request to extend working hours can be granted.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

Jim Pearson

Environment & Consents Manager
Network Rail