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Dear Liz,

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

Code of Construction Practice Part A: Request to vary standard working hours across W3 (Stages 2, 3, 4 and 5)

In compliance with Section 3.1.3 of the Code of Construction Practice Part A¹, Network Rail is submitting this request to vary the standard working hours for works across the TWAO footprint.

Whilst 24/7 is permitted for any works which are carried out on the railway (under possession/blockade); the current working hours for predominantly major civils and other works supporting these works are proving very restrictive when factored against immovable railway possession dates.

Network Rail has made numerous applications to extend working hours at various locations in order to maintain programme delivery and complete critical works, this need will likely continue for the remainder of the project. Therefore, Network Rail is requesting approval to extend working hours across the footprint of the TWAO Scheme area under two specific items (Huddersfield to Westtown) as discussed at a meeting held between Kirklees Council and Network Rail on 24 July 2025.

1) Standard working hours amendment

The below sets out the current approved working hours and the proposed working hours which Network Rail request are approved under this submission.

¹ [Ch02 Scheme description - App 2-1 - CoCP Part A.pdf](#)

Day	Current/approved working hours	Proposed working hours
Monday to Friday	8am to 6pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)	7am to 7pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)
Saturday	8am to 1pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)	7am to 7pm (with half an hour either side of these times for site set up and organising/cleaning the site)
Sunday	No working	No working

These revised hours are requested from 2 April 2026 to 31 December 2028.

2) **Standard Variable Hours Request**

Should working be required outside of these revised standard hours then the following process will be followed as discussed;

- Network Rail to formally notify Kirklees Council Planning Team of the dates and times of works – this notification would be issued at a minimum 14 days in advance of the works starting.
- Network Rail will liaise with the Highways Management Group to identify if the relevant request to extend standard working hours is acceptable to the traffic management controls or restrictions in the relevant area.
- An assessment of noise and vibration impacts will be carried out by the project (for internal use) to ensure compliance with the NVMP and other relevant standards.
- A copy of the noise and vibration assessment will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority, for their records, prior to the works commencing.
- NR will inform Kirklees Council, if the results of the assessment demonstrate that noise insulation regulations (NIR) are triggered and will keep the council informed of progress in completing the NIR process if eligibility is confirmed.
- Network Rail will notify local residents and businesses of the proposals. This notification will be in line with the approved communications plan for TRU i.e. a minimum of 14 days in advance of the works. Notifications are issued to residents within 200m of the works (500m if works entail piling).

For your information, the process as outlined above will be included in all future versions of the Code of Construction Practice Part A as part of TWAOs applications including the W2C scheme in the Kirklees area to be submitted late in 2026. This will be known as “Standard Variable Hours” and reflects the potential need to accelerate planned works whilst managing the environmental impacts of doing so without needing to seek consent for a variation from yourselves.

All works will continue to be implemented in accordance with BS5228 (BPM) and their approved Noise and Vibration Management Plans and, for those areas agreed with Kirklees Council Environmental Health Officer, works will also be subject to s.61 approval and the standard timeframes for approval of such.

As per paragraph 3.1.2 "Non-standard working hours will also be utilised in connection to any construction works that would interfere with the operational railway. In this case, the operating railway is closed and works can progress. Such closures for construction works, known as "possessions", are granted normally outside normal operating hours, at night time, weekends and Bank Holidays. Therefore where works impact on the running of the railway 24/7 working will continue to be utilised.

Approval has been given for works under Stage 6 of the DPP on the same basis (ref 2023/91990)

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely



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