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4<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Dear Mr Hollinghurst,

**Information request**

**Reference number:** FOI201700824

Thank you for your email of 9<sup>th</sup> July 2017. You requested the following information:

*"Cross Country state that their Engineering Access Agreement with Network Rail prohibits operating midweek train services overnight for 29 weeks of each year between Peterborough and Cambridge. I understand this would preclude operating a midweek train from Peterborough to Cambridge at or after 22:50 for these 29 weeks a year.*

*Please could you send me a copy of the Engineering Access Agreement for Cross Country between Peterborough and Cambridge covering this 29 week restriction."*

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I confirm that we hold the information that you have requested. However, under section 21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. The information you requested is already publically available online here:  
<http://archive.nr.co.uk/browse%20documents/Rules%20Of%20The%20Route/Viewable%20copy/roprhome.pdf>

One point to note is that the information held is called the Engineering Access Statement (EAS), the EAS is not specific to any particular Train Operating Company, it is covered by line of route. Therefore, by way of assistance, I have extracted the relevant sections which I believe contain information relevant to your request. Please find these extracts below.

ANGLIA ROUTE – continued

Route	At or Between	Week Numbers	Traffic Remarks
EA1560	"IPS-PBO 1in6"  Ely North Jn and March East Jn  March	41, 47, 01, 07, 13, 19, 25, 31  Down/West Curve POSSESSION 2240 Mon to Thu to 0435 Tue to Fri Up POSSESSION 2315 Mon to Thu to 0420 Tue to Fri  Sidings/Reception Roads/Down Loop POSSESSION 2240 Mon to Thu to 0435 Tue to Fri  Sidings/Reception Roads/Up Loop POSSESSION 2315 Mon to Thu to 0420 Tue to Fri	TRAINS TO BE REPLACED BY ROAD TRANSPORT BETWEEN PETERBOROUGH AND ELY. CROSS COUNTRY FREIGHT SERVICES TO BE DIVERTED VIA THE GREAT EASTERN MAIN LINE / NORTH LONDON LINE AND EAST COAST MAIN LINE. 6L31 RETIMED TO DEPART PETERBOROUGH AT 0403 EAST JN 0405 MARCH 0426, ELY WEST CURVE 0444 AND RUN VIA ELY WEST CURVE. ARRIVE MIDDLETON TOWERS AT 0838 6E84 RETIMED TO DEPART MIDDLETON TOWERS AT 0838 6L38 TO BE RETIMED
EA1560	"IPS-PBO 1in6"  March East Jn and Kings Dyke	41, 47, 01, 07, 13, 19, 25, 31  Down /West Curve & East Curve POSSESSION 2330 Mon & Tue to 0500 Tue & Wed Up POSSESSION 2250 Mon & Tue to 0405 Tue & Wed	TRAINS TO BE REPLACED BY ROAD TRANSPORT BETWEEN PETERBOROUGH AND ELY. CROSS COUNTRY FREIGHT SERVICES TO BE DIVERTED VIA THE GREAT EASTERN MAIN LINE / NORTH LONDON LINE AND EAST COAST MAIN LINE. 6L31 RETIMED TO DEPART PETERBOROUGH AT 0403 EAST JN 0405 MARCH 0426, ELY WEST CURVE 0444 AND RUN VIA ELY WEST CURVE. ARRIVE MIDDLETON TOWERS AT 0838 6E84 RETIMED TO DEPART MIDDLETON TOWERS AT 0838 6L38 TO BE RETIMED

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Route	At or Between	Week Numbers	Traffic Remarks
EA1181 EA1230 LN125	WA CYCLIC TYPE J  Audley End/ Royston and Cambridge C/End	47, 07, 19, 31  Down and Up Cambridge/Down and Up Royston POSSESSION 0015 T-F to 0430 T-F  Platforms 1-4/Down Slow/Through Line/Platform Line POSSESSION 0015 T-F to 0430 T-F	AMENDED TRAIN PLAN STRUCTURE: ROAD TRANSPORT FOR AGA/GREAT NORTHERN SERVICES BETWEEN AUDLEY END / HITCHIN AND CAMBRIDGE FROM 0015 UNTIL END OF SERVICE.  NO ISOLATIONS ALLOWED THAT AFFECT BISHOPS STORTFORD OR CAMBRIDGE CARRIAGE SIDINGS.  TRAINS MAY BE STABLED IN PLATFORMS 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8 ONLY.  These cyclics must align with LNE cyclical maintenance possessions between Hitchin (Cambridge Jn) & Meldreth. Hitchin & Tottenham Hale depots to liaise on possession limits at Royston.

**EA1161 BISHOPS STORTFORD TO ELY NORTH JN continued...**

SECTION		Periods A and B 10.12.2017 to 11.02.2018	Period C 12.02.2018 to 25.03.2018	Period D 26.03.2018 to 19.05.2018	Periods E to G 20.05.2018 to 09.09.2018	Periods H and J 10.09.2018 to 08.12.2018	REMARKS
Coldham Lane Jn and Waterbeach 1161.6	WEEK END	0030 Sun to 0845 Sun Down BLOCKED 0015 Sun to 0830 Sun Up BLOCKED ①	0030 Sun to 0845 Sun Down BLOCKED 0015 Sun to 0830 Sun Up BLOCKED ①	0030 Sun to 0845 Sun Down BLOCKED 0015 Sun to 0900 Sun Up BLOCKED ①	0030 Sun to 0845 Sun Down BLOCKED 0015 Sun to 0900 Sun Up BLOCKED	0030 Sun to 0845 Sun Down BLOCKED 0015 Sun to 0900 Sun Up BLOCKED	
	SUN/ MON	0035 Mon to 0500 Mon Down BLOCKED 0110 Mon to 0530 Mon Up BLOCKED	0035 Mon to 0500 Mon Down BLOCKED 0110 Mon to 0530 Mon Up BLOCKED	0035 Mon to 0500 Mon Down BLOCKED 0110 Mon to 0530 Mon Up BLOCKED	0035 Mon to 0500 Mon Down BLOCKED 0110 Mon to 0530 Mon Up BLOCKED	0035 Mon to 0500 Mon Down BLOCKED 0110 Mon to 0530 Mon Up BLOCKED	
	MID WEEK	0005 T-F to 0430 T-F ① 0025 T-S to 0500 T-S Down BLOCKED 0050 TThF to 0440 TTh-F 0050 to 0410 W 0050 S to 0500 S Up BLOCKED					Standard Possession Opportunities not available in weeks 38, 44, 50, 04, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34  Standard possession opportunities reduced to an 0315 finish T-F in weeks 39, 51, 11, 23, 35 in connection with 4L88 diverted via the WA as a result of LNE possessions in the Holloway/Hamngay area

**NOTES**

Possessions from Coldham Lane Jn may be taken from CA195/CA193/CA190 signals towards Waterbeach.

① 0830 Up finish wks 41-52 & 01 & 06 in connection with GE Mainline possessions

② Divert and/or re-time via STP. See Section 5. These cycles must align with LNE cyclical maintenance possessions between Hitchin (Cambridge Jn) & Meldreth. Hitchin & Tottenham Hale depots to liaise on possession limits at Royston.

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Waterbeach and Ely Dock Jn 1161.7	WEEK END	0045 to 0850 Sun Down BLOCKED 0010 to -0825 Sun Up BLOCKED ①	0045 to 0850 Sun Down BLOCKED 0010 to -0825 Sun Up BLOCKED ①	0045 to 0850 Sun Down BLOCKED 0010 to 0855 Sun Up BLOCKED ①	0045 to 0850 Sun Down BLOCKED 0010 to 0855 Sun Up BLOCKED	0045 to 0850 Sun Down BLOCKED 0010 to 0855 Sun Up BLOCKED	
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	MID WEEK	0005 T-F to 0430 T-F Down and Up Cambridge / Single / Cambridge Platforms 4-6 BLOCKED 5 w.p.a (WA Cycle Type M) ① 0035 T-S to 0505 T-S Down BLOCKED 0045 TTh-F to 0430 TTh-F 0045-0405 W 0045 S to 0450 S Up BLOCKED					Standard Possession Opportunities not available in weeks 38, 44, 50, 04, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34  Standard possession opportunities reduced to an 0310 finish T-F in weeks 39, 51, 11, 23, 35 in connection with 4L88 diverted via the WA as a result of LNE possessions in the Holloway/Hamngay area

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① 0825 Up finish wks 41-52 & 01 & 06 in connection with GE Mainline possessions

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If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at [FOI@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:FOI@networkrail.co.uk) or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Leach  
Information Officer

## Appeal Rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the FOI Compliance and Appeals Manager at Network Rail, Freedom of Information, The Quadrant,

Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1EN, or by email at [foi@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:foi@networkrail.co.uk). Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

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