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Periodic Review 2013 Consultation on implementing PR13

Dear Alice,

I am pleased to submit on behalf of **Railfuture** this response, which has been prepared, reviewed and approved by the Policy Group.

Railfuture is an independent national voluntary organisation which campaigns for better rail services. It is structured in England as twelve regional branches, and two national branches in Wales and Scotland.

The majority of our comments are covered by our response to the Draft Determination document. The following comments, referenced by paragraph number to the Consultation on Implementing PR13 document, relate to topics which are not mentioned in the Draft Determination itself:

8.22 LC2: Information for passengers

We would be opposed to any moves to significantly reduce the scope of the National Rail Timetable, which is the only complete source of information on train services for passengers. Most Train Operating Companies do not produce a complete timetable of their own services, whilst journey planners often do not show all the journey options where changes of train are required, particularly where longer (or shorter) connection times are needed at interchange stations. A possible solution might be to place a requirement on all TOCs to publish a full timetable of their services either free (as SWT do now), or at a reasonable charge.

8.45 LC7: Land disposal

We believe that non-operational railway land should not be disposed of if to do so would preclude future reopening of strategic routes or freight handling facilities, or creation of interchanges between lines or with other modes. Therefore Network Rail should be required to consult with stakeholders including local planning authorities and potential freight customers, in addition



to the railway industry, before consent is sought from ORR. Please see also our response to the Consultation on ORR Proposed Approach to the Duty to Cooperate, submitted on 29th July 2013.

If you require any more detail or clarification please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

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