

GRAND NORTHERN BRADFORD – EUSTON RENAISSANCE TRAINS' RESPONSE

Renaissance Trains is in the process of evaluating certain open access train service proposals involving use of parts of the WCML and its WSMR operations already touch upon key sections of it in the West Midlands. Whilst we are generally of the view that Open Access operations of all kinds are to be encouraged we are very much of the view that these need to be of sufficient reliability to ensure that the inevitable and predictable objections of franchised operators are met. ORR would be well advised to satisfy itself that problems are not imported to the WCML where the reputation of open access might be tarnished. This would not be in the interest of either the public or other open access operators including aspirants.

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