

Confirmation of question raised at ISH4 on 12.03.19 by Alastair Inglis on behalf of Stop Roxhill Northampton Gateway Action Group concerning a statement in TR050006-001138 Network Rail response to ExA written questions (ExQ2) published on 26 Feb for Deadline 5

2.9.5 (i) In its answers to ExQ1-1.11.15 [REP1-050] NR confirmed that: *Any freight services which are added to the network will not be at the expense of passenger services and, accordingly, NetworkRail confirms that the Proposed Development will not affect passengers.* However, NR goes on to state *that additional rights ...**will potentially constrain passenger growth.** However the addition of 4 paths/day would **not ..be a considerable restriction.***

I asked for clarification as to whether the statement '*not considerable*' means that there **would be restrictions** even with 4 paths (trains?*) per day.

The NR representative answered in the affirmative. This means there **would be restrictions on passenger rail services to Northampton.**

*The NR representative, Mr Satchwell, had earlier stated, in answer to a question from Mr Hargreaves, that reference to paths meant trains. This is confusing as one train needs two paths to operate.

The NPSNN states at para 4.89: *As a minimum, a SRFI should be capable of handling four trains per day.* It should be a requirement for all parties to use the correct terminology, particularly in documents with a legal standing.

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