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Your ref:  
Our ref: 70-15-418/GN

Dear Consultee,

**Consultation on the proposed release for sale of BRBR former railway land  
LS-HAF-5-1 Rye, Land at Rope Walk**

As a part of the new arrangements for the rail industry the Department for Transport has provided Guidance to BRB (Residuary) Ltd (BRBR) on how decisions on the disposal of property are to be made. In accordance with the Guidance BRBR has established an autonomous Property Review Group, which is to determine whether sites owned by BRBR should be retained for rail or integrated transport use ("a transport use"), offered to the rail industry, devolved administrations or local authorities or released for open market disposal. The full terms of the Department for Transport's Guidance can be found on the PRG website.

The property is described in the attached Schedule and shown on the attached plan. It is owned by BRBR and is not currently used for railway purposes. The site is not rail connected. Before making a decision on the future of this property, the Department for Transport requires that the Property Review Group shall consult on a transport use.

You are invited to fill in the attached questionnaire, indicating if you consider that there is a transport use for the property not identified in this consultation letter and Schedule or if you wish to comment on any proposals referred to. Your answers will help the Property Review Group to determine whether there is a business case for retaining or disposing of the property for a transport use. If no realistic rail or

integrated transport use is identified it is likely that the property will be released for sale on the open market.

If you would like to have your views taken into account please respond by 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007 using the questionnaire provided and offering any other comments you consider appropriate.

We will advise consultees what decision has been reached and the PRG website at <http://www.railprg.org.uk> will also record any decision to release the site.

Yours sincerely

**Gerry Newnham**  
Property Advisor

SCHEDULE		
<b>Location</b>	Rye	
<b>Reference:</b>	LS-HAF-5-1	
<b>Description:</b>	Land at Rope Walk	
<b>Area:</b>	0.117 ha	
<b>1999/2000 Transport Registrations:</b>	East Sussex County Council Sustrans	Use in connection with freight facilities. Land for Millennium Route and Community Reserve.
<b>Comments:</b>		

Link to Location Map

<http://www.multimap.com/map/browse.cgi?lat=50.9529&lon=0.7307&scale=100000&icon=x>

**BRB (Residuary) Ltd Rail Retained Sites**  
**Property Review Group Consultation Questionnaire**  
**Transport Use Options**

**Site: LS-HAF-5-1 Rye, Land at Rope Walk**

**File No: 70-15-418**

**Introduction**

PRG is seeking to identify if there are any potential railway or integrated transport uses for sites in the ownership of BRB (Residuary) Ltd (BRBR). If you wish to propose a railway or integrated transport use for the property described in the covering letter would you please complete this questionnaire and return it to Gerry Newnham at PRG with any comments you would like to make.

PRG will wish to establish whether there is a business case for retaining the property. The information you are asked to supply will assist PRG in reaching a view. The questionnaire below has three sections;

Part A – seeks views on what should be done with the site

Part B – seeks views on potential alternative rail/sustainable transport uses for the site

Part C – seeks views on possible funding sources and an indication of the level of commitment. This is addressed to Network Rail, train operators, local authorities and funding bodies.

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**Part A**

**QUESTION 1 – please tick**

Do you consider the site should be:

- a) retained by BRBR for rail use at a later date;
- b) offered to the rail industry, devolved administrations or local authorities in order to deliver an enhancement to rail services or other rail benefits, or to achieve an integrated transport objective;
- c) released for open market sale?

If you tick a) or b) in answer to this question then please proceed to **Part B** of this questionnaire.

**Part B****QUESTION 2** - please tick or comment in the appropriate box

<b>I believe this site should be retained in order to permit development of:</b>		
2.1	An existing/new right of way for the railway (e.g. re-opening of a route)	
2.2	Works to increase existing track/route capacity	
2.3	Track realignment to increase line speed	
2.4	Installation of line side or other operational equipment (e.g. track access project, radio mast, transformer).	
2.5	A new station	
2.6	New/enhanced car parking facilities	
2.7	Other station enhancement (e.g. remodelling to improve forecourt facilities, bus interchange, additional commercial development)	
2.8	Track maintenance facility.	
2.9	New/enhanced stabling and/or light maintenance depot facility	
2.10	Enabling works e.g. temporary construction site	
2.11	New freight facility. Please identify whether: Aggregates terminal/ Inter modal terminal/ Other.	
2.12	Extension to existing freight facility	
2.13	Other transport use, please specify (e.g.: bus interchange, bus depot, LRT right of way, guided bus way)	
2.14	Other (please specify)	

### QUESTION 3

If you have identified any of the options in Question 2 please provide in the box below a brief description of the option(s) identified and of existing facilities/rail use.

For example:

- *Provision of 300 additional parking places doubling existing station parking capacity. Current capacity fully utilised.*
- *Extension of existing three car platforms to handle six car trains. The existing short platform constrains train planning and adds to congestion on the route.*
- *Provision of a new aggregates terminal with capacity to handle 100,000 tonnes of traffic a year. This is a new business opportunity for rail.*

Brief description of option:
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### Part C

#### QUESTION 4 – please tick

Are you aware of a sponsor for any option(s) identified in Question 2;  
(i.e. the party that will take forward the business case, lead development and procure funding)

4.1	Network Rail	
4.2	Scottish Executive	
4.3	Welsh Assembly Government	
4.4	Department for Transport	
4.5	Transport for London	
		<i>Please specify name below:</i>
4.6	Train Operating Company	
4.7	Freight operator	
4.8	Freight terminal operator	
4.9	Passenger Transport Executive	
4.10	Local authority	
4.11	Other	
4.12	Not known	



## QUESTION 10

Please indicate whether you are prepared to make the work available to PRG and what documentation is available:

List of documents

## QUESTION 11

Please indicate what level of commitment there is to the options you have identified.

11.1	Funding authorised	
11.2	Funding provided for in budget	
11.3	Funding applied for	
11.4	Potential Funding Source <i>(please give details if you have ticked one of the above)</i>	
11.5	No funding currently available	
11.6	Not known	

Thank you for your assistance.

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Consultation Questionnaire submitted on behalf of:

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