

Service Facilities Description for Network Statement 2025

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1.0 General Information

1.1 Introduction

In Northern Ireland, railway infrastructure is owned by either the Northern Ireland Railways Company Limited (NIR) or the Northern Ireland Transport Holding Company (NITHC), both part of the Translink Group.

NIR Networks Limited, in conjunction with NIR, act as Infrastructure Manager (IM). In addition to being the Infrastructure Manager, we work in conjunction with the operator of a number of service facilities across the network as defined in the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016, the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019 and the Railways (Amendment) (EU Exit) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2019. These Service Facilities are operated by NIR Operations.

As defined in Articles 4 and 5 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2177, operators of Service Facilities shall establish a Service Facility Description for the Service Facilities and services for which they are responsible.

The Service Facilities Description's objective is to inform applicants, the authorities and other interested parties about Service Facilities available. The Service Facilities Description presents the services that are offered, with information regarding how the allocation of services functions and which charges apply.

This document is produced in accordance with the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016 and EC Implementing Regulation 2017/2177.

This document is published alongside the Network Statement.

1.2 Service Facility Operator

Service Facilities are operated by NIR Operations, having its registered office at Lanyon Place, 47 East Bridge Street, Belfast BT1 3NR.

The Service Facility Operator is based at York Road Depot.

1 York Road

Belfast

BT15 3RP

Contact Number: 02890 354418

1.3 Validity Period and Updating Process

This document is updated yearly at the time of the Network Statement publication, unless changes in its content require extraordinary updates.

2.0 Services

2.1 Name of Service

The exact services that can be used by operators at stations will be included within the Track Access and Station Services Agreement agreed between the RU and the IM. Examples of available services may include maintenance facilities such as fuelling, train washing and stabling.

3.0 Service Facility Description

3.1 List of All Installations

Train Formation Yards & Maintenance Facilities	
York Road Engineering Depot	Adelaide Maintenance Depot
Fortwilliam Traincare Facility	
Storage Sidings	
Portrush	Lanyon Place
Antrim	Bangor
Coleraine	Adelaide Depot
Derry~Londonderry	Lislea Drive
Ballymena	Lisburn
Larne Harbour	Portadown Yard
Fortwilliam Depot	Portadown Sidings
York Road	

3.2 Opening Hours

Depot	Days	Hours
Adelaide	Monday - Saturday	07:15 – 18:00
	Sunday – Friday	20:00 – 07:20
	Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day	
Fortwilliam	Monday – Sunday	24 hours
	Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day	
York Road	Monday – Sunday	24 hours
	Closed Christmas Day & Boxing Day	

3.3 Technical Characteristics

3.3.1 Train Formation Yards

Location	Max. Train Length
York Road Engineering Depot	207m
Fortwilliam Maintenance Depot	138m
Adelaide Maintenance Depot	138m

3.3.2 Storage Sidings

Location	No. of Roads	Cumulative Length
Portrush	1	300m
Antrim	2	600m
Coleraine	2	400m
Derry~Londonderry	1	300m
Ballymena	4	600m
Larne Harbour	2	400m
Fortwilliam Depot	4	600m
York Road	5/6	2000m
Lanyon Place	2	400m
Bangor	1	300m

Location	No. of Roads	Cumulative Length
Adelaide Depot	6	2000m
Lislea Drive	1	500m
Lisburn	3	400m
Portadown Yard	3	600m
Portadown Sidings	2	400m

3.3.3 Maintenance Facilities

Service/Facility	Adelaide	Fortwilliam	York Road
Multiple Unit Rolling Stock	✓	✓	✓
Loco-Hauled Rolling Stock	X	X	✓
On Track Plant	X	X	✓
2 Stage Train Wash	✓	✓	✓
Fuel Point	✓	✓	✓
Sanding Silos	✓	✓	X
Adblue Fill Point	✓	✓	✓

3.4 Planned Changes in Technical Characteristics

There are no significant planned changes in technical characteristics for the term of the 2025 Network Statement.

4.0 Charges

4.1 Information on Charges

Guidelines for pricing structure have been included below. However, owing to the complexity of the subject, any party wanting to access Service Facilities is advised not to rely solely on written sources. It is essential to make early contact with the Service Facilities Owner to discuss plans and seek confirmation of pricing.

Materials cost	Materials purchase price +12%
Labour cost	£75 per man hour*

**Minimum of 1 hour of labour*

Price per unit of activity = cost of provision + overhead recovery + business margin*

**Business margin is 20%*

4.2 Information on Discounts

Currently no discount schemes are available for accessing Service Facilities.

5.0 Access Conditions

5.1 Legal Requirements

A Track Access Agreement is required before the use of infrastructure capacity and Service Facilities can be permitted.

5.2 Technical Conditions

Rolling Stock to be used on the network must be approved and registered on the National Vehicle Register (NVR). For further information on the NVR, please contact the Department for Infrastructure.

5.3 Self-Supply of Rail-Related Services

An RU may not perform a rail-related service on our premises, all services are provided by NIR Operations.

5.4 IT Systems

There is no NIR Operations IT system applicable to the access and use of Service Facilities.

6.0 Capacity Allocation

6.1 Requests for Access or Services

To gain access to any of our Service Facilities via rail, the usual Capacity Allocation Process for the network will need to be followed. This is described in detail in Section 4 of the Network Statement.

A Track Access Agreement is required before the use of infrastructure capacity and Service Facilities can be permitted.

A Template for Requests for Service Facilities is available in Appendix A.

6.2 Response to Requests

We will seek to respond to requests within 10 working days, in accordance with ORR guidance on the Railways Infrastructure (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016.

When we receive a request for access to the Service Facility or supply of a service that is in conflict with another request or concern a Service Facility already allocated, we shall attempt, through discussions and coordination with the applicants concerned, to ensure the best possible matching of all requests.

6.3 Information on Available Capacity and Temporary Capacity Restrictions

There are currently no planned works to Service Facilities for the term of the 2025 Network Statement. Planned works which may affect network capacity are detailed in Section 3.5 of the Network Statement.

Appendix A Template for Requests for Service Facilities

1	Railway Undertaking Name
2	Date of Application Request
3	Train Type (Passenger/Freight)
4	Time/Days/Period of Operation Requested
5	Train Length in Metres (including Loco, where applicable)
6	Number of Vehicles in Consist
7	Vehicle Class/Type
8	Train Gross Tonnage (Total)
9	Individual Vehicles/Loco Gross Weights

10 Rolling Stock Brake Type

11 Has the rolling stock been cleared to operate over the route requested (Y/N)?

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Service Facility	Location			Additional Information
	York Road	Adelaide	Fortwilliam	
Shunting (multiple unit rolling stock)				
Shunting (loco-hauled rolling stock)				
Shunting (on-track plant)				
Fuel Point	2 x 90,000 litre tanks	3 x 35,000 litre tanks	2 x 70,000 litre tanks	Connection detail – Banlaw safety fittings
Toilet Discharge (CET)				4-inch camlock fittings
Water				25mm hose fitting
Adblue	1x 2,500 litre tank	1x 9,000 litre tank	1x 9,000 litre tank	ZVA forecourt type Adblue nozzle
Train Clean (interior)				
Planned/unplanned Maintenance	6 x Pit Roads	2 x pit roads		Service train materials and consumables Generic hand tools and calibrated equipment supplied by Translink.
Defect Repair	6 x Pit Roads	2 x pit roads		Service train materials and consumables Generic hand tools and calibrated equipment supplied by Translink
Minor Defect Repair			1 x pit road	Service train materials and consumables (Including windows and windscreens)

				Generic hand tools and calibrated equipment supplied by Translink
Sanding Silo				4-inch quick release safety fitting.
Train Wash				
Wheel Lathe				Axle Weight – Max. 20 tonnes Vehicle weight = Max. 68 tonnes per coach Wheel profile – Heumann

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Date of Receipt of Application	
Request Decision	
Reference Number	