

FGW RESPONSE

FGW operates services under its Charter Track Access Agreement in order to:

- help user groups by facilitating excursion type trains for their members and others;
- facilitate the Network Rail track element of shopper specials from private lines to the station on the Network where the special becomes a through normal franchised train on the Network;
- operate public relations runs when enhancements are made or to publicise the practicality of a high speed run for instance;
- run farewell to traction trips including off our franchised area both to different regions and onto freight only lines; and
- funnel large group passengers to specific trains.

Network Rail's proposals on charging for CP5 will be very similar for FGW to that currently charged, and we are happy with that situation.

The structure should support reliable heritage operations by others, and the approach proposed appears to facilitate this.

Many thanks for consulting us.