

Consultation comments and responses

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2. Summary of comments

Code	Description	Total
-	Consulted	12
CE	Critical errors	36
ED	Editorial errors	89
TY	Typographical errors	5
OB	Observations	60
-	Total comments returned	190

Classification codes for a way forward:

- DC – Document change
- NC – No change

3. Collated consultation comments and responses

No	Page	Clause	Comment	Suggestion	By	Way forward	Page	Clause	Response
1	9	2.2.1	Assume the requirement being blank is deliberate and only the guidance applies? Seems odd to have a requirement that is only a title?		1	NC	9	2.2.1	(OB) Noted. This clause only contains guidance.
2	11	3.1.1.1 G3.1.1.4	Min wire height 4040. I understand what you've done, but I believe there are several legacy vehicles taller than 3965? This could effectively prohibit steam trains on a route with 4040? Is that deliberate?	Check legacy vehicle heights. Class 37 / 47 (guess) GW steam trains?	1	DC	10	Part 3.1	(CE) Noted. Requirements have been updated to take cognisance of non vertical track. The vast majority of existing vehicles (i.e those within the gauge height) are compatible with this new wire height. The small number of out of gauge vehicles such as steam trains can be addressed through the network change process when the new minimum wire height is required. An assessment at a route level in accordance with RIS-8270-RST is also required to identify and resolve any technical compatibility issues with existing vehicles which may not comply.
3	12	G3.1.1.7	"approaches" is ambiguous. One engineer might think 1mm is approaching. Another might think 300mm is approaching.	Define or re-word approaching	1	DC	11	G3.1.1.11	(ED) Text has been updated to address the comment
4	12	G3.1.1.10	"uk verification proce...." This section seems to use a huge number of words. I have read it 3 times and still cant really see what its for, what value does this add?	Re word / cross ref the standard / delete. Maybe these aren't intended for OLE designers, more for other parts of the industry?	1	DC	11 and pg 31	G3.1.1.16 and Definitions	(ED) This clause is for designated bodies and sets out guidance for their assessment. A new definition for UK verification procedure has been included to improve clarity
5	12	3.1.2.1	Bullet (a). this was a csm ra. Now its just an ra. Is this deliberate? An RA could be almost nothing/cutting corners.	Re word/define if intended.	1	NC	12	3.1.2.1	(OB) Noted. This change was deliberate because the project entity is obliged to apply CSM-RA when the project is subject to an authorisation.
6	13	3.1.2.3	This seems sensible. I think it should save the industry some money.	Note	1	NC	12	3.1.2.3	(OB) Noted
7	13	3.1.2.3	Is any additional signage tied to this? The OLE is now 1.2m lower than previous mandated/the public are used to. Eg a "no horses" sign?	Consider	1	DC	13	3.1.2.8	(ED) Noted. Signage requirements are in RIS-1853-ENE. Further guidance to that effect included. This is particularly relevant in Scotland. See comment no. 162
8	13	3.1.2	The normal contact wire heights are in a nice easy table. Why are the level crossing heights spread over different clauses and text?	Convert to a table for clarity.	1	NC	12	3.1.2	(ED) Given that there is a reference to Table 1, it was felt that this would be a clearer approach that avoids concatenated table referencing.

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18	16	N/A?	The previous clause about unidirectional lines allowing exit magnet to be closer has removed. I cant find why I the disposition statement? Was this deliberate?	tbc	1	DC	16	3.2.2.5	(CE) Suggested change has been incorporated The previous requirement about unidirectional lines allowing exit magnet to be closer has been reinstated.
19	19	3.3.2	Direct contact is defined in the definitions section, but indirect is not	Add indirect to definitions.	1	DC	28	Definitions	(ED) Definition added.
20	20	4.1	All of part 4. As a designer I am not really sure what value this section adds. I assume it related to acceptance for nobo/debo etc and is there for good reason. Just seems out of place in a group standard. Not my field of expertise though.		1	DC	20	4.1	(OB) Noted. Part 4 provides a process for certifying the OCL and is used by certification bodies
21	24	Appx B fig1	Using the centre line is ok, but then halfD becomes critical. D or D/2 should be shown in the figure.	Clarify figure dimensions	1	DC	24	Appx B fig1	(OB) Figure has been revised to improve clarity
22	24	Appx B fig 1	Definitions. Now the uni directional line permission has been removed, A = B so why make them different letters?	Change B to A or re introduce unidirectional allowance for shorter exit spacing.	1	NC	24	Appx B fig 1	(OB) Noted. Unidirectional line permission is reintroduced (see comment 18).
23	24	Appx B fig 1	NR have previously given me DRN comments for using N.O and said there should be two full stops in the abbreviation..... They are probably right. I know, I know.... It doesn't make any difference.	Convert to symbol and key to N.O.	1	DC	24	Appx B fig 1	(ED) The normally open switch has been removed from Figure 1 to improve clarity
24	All	General	It's a very different feel to the document compared to previous. Instead of being an easy list of tech requirements it feels very word heavy. Reading between the lines I suspect its trying to make a point to someone a little outside the industry perhaps? It might make using it for compliance by normal OLE engineers quite demanding.	tbc	1	NC	All	General	(OB) Noted. Bringing together requirements, rationale and guidance together is the industry agreed format. Previously designers would be needing to refer to a separate document for guidance.
25		General	The changes to this standard make a welcome contribution to delivery of a safe and reliable contact system in a cost-effective way, and overall Atkins is happy to support the new version of this standard subject to consideration of our comments. Comments 10 and 19 are particularly important to us.		2	NC		General	(OB) Noted.

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26	13	G3.1.2.4	"These contact wire height requirements are consistent with a UK notional maximum road vehicle height of 5 m which provides an air gap corresponding to an impulse withstand of about 320 kV which is equivalent to reinforced insulation for systems with a basic impulse withstand of 200 kV." This sentence is confusing.	Suggest reword to "These contact wire height requirements are consistent with a UK notional maximum road vehicle height of 5m. This provides an air gap corresponding to an impulse withstand of about 320kV, which is equivalent to reinforced insulation for 25kV systems. "	2	DC	12	G3.1.2.4	(ED) Suggested change has been incorporated
27	13	G3.1.2.5	"Contact wire heights at public footpaths for pedestrians only..." This clause should relate to *all* footpaths, including private ones.		2	DC	12	G3.1.2.5	(ED) Text has been updated to address the comment. Making this applicable to all footpaths could also encompass footpaths crossings that are only used the workforce. New text now applies to footpath crossings for pedestrians that are accessible to members of the public.
28	13	G3.1.2.5	"In most instances, this dimension exceeds the minima set out in Table 1 unless the footpath is immediately adjacent to a structure such as a bridge or tunnel which constrains the height of the contact wire." With a footpath that does not exceed rail level - and why would it? - a minimum wire height of 4040 under all conditions will provide the 50122-1 distance in *all* instances. Statement is currently misleading as presence of a bridge or tunnel should not affect compliance.		2	DC	12	G3.1.2.5	(ED) Text has been updated to address the comment. See comment 178
29	14	3.2.1.1	"Each section insulator (SI) shall be dimensioned to permit pantograph heads with individual contact strips of a minimum width of 25 mm and pantograph heads with single strips of not less than 80 mm to pass smoothly and without losing electrical contact." This statement is confusing.	Amend to "Each section insulator (SI) shall be dimensioned to permit pantograph heads with individual contact strips of a minimum width of 25 mm and pantograph heads with single strips with minimum width of not less than 80 mm to pass smoothly and without losing electrical contact."	2	DC	14	3.2.1.1	(ED) Text has been updated to address the comment. To avoid use of "with" twice, the suggestion has been modified slightly.
30	16	Table 3	"Vehicle speed (m/s) 10% overspeed is added by the formula". This could be more clearly worded,	"Vehicle speed (m/s): note that 10% overspeed is added by the formula"	2	DC	15	Table 3	(ED) Suggested change has been incorporated
31	17	G3.2.2.9	"System separation sections are one of the locations where power changeover can occur routinely." This is the opposite of current UK practice - neutral sections are specifically prohibited as a location where APCO or MPCO is permitted to take place.		2	DC	17	G3.2.2.9	(ED) Neutral section are a phase separation section rather than a system separation section. Text has been deleted to avoid any misunderstanding.

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40	22	5.6.2	Typo: "In the case where NTSN non -compliance is required for a new, renewed or upgraded vehicle or structural subsystem, the exemption process to be followed..."		2	NC	22	5.6.2	(TY) Given that this text is a standardised template text across all RGSSs, we are currently unable to change it in this document. Feedback from policy is that the text in 5.6.2 is correct. However, it has to be read in the context with 5.6.1. If you can't comply with an NTR, seek a deviation from RSSB. If you can't comply with an NTSN seek an exemption. However, your comment is noted for future consideration.
41	24	Figure 1	The normally open switch shown in figure 1 is not an essential part of a neutral section and is not relevant to the purpose of the diagram.	It should be removed along with its mention in the key.	2	DC	24	Figure 1	(OB) Suggested change has been incorporated. See comment no. 120
42	29	Definitions	Nominal wire height definition is confusing: "...constraints include physical route features such as level crossings (increasing the contact wire height) and tunnel / overbridge (decreasing the contact wire height)"	Amend to "...constraints include physical route features such as level crossings (increasing the contact wire height) and tunnels or overbridges (decreasing the contact wire height)"	2	DC	29	Definitions	(ED) Suggested change has been incorporated.
43	N/A	Electrical clearances	While Atkins supports the removal of electrical clearances requirements for the reason of being a single duty holder action, the clear specification of electrical clearances is an essential part of standards going back to the original MoT blue book. It is imperative that non-VCC air gap values are clearly stated in standards. At the time of writing the clearances set out in NR standard 27715 module 4 are incorrect and subject to a long-outstanding standards challenge by Atkins. Meanwhile EPTAN002 does contain these clearances but they are buried in an appendix and not very clearly stated. It is a condition of Atkins' support for the update of 1210 in this regard that NR update or withdraw 27715 module 4, and replace it with a new standard based on EPTAN002, before 1210 v3 is published. The new standard should be reformatted to make non-VCC air gap requirements much clearer to designers.		2	NC	N/A	Electrical clearances	(OB) Noted. It is understood Network Rail will make the necessary changes.

