

Dear Shaw consultation team

Please accept this email as our response to your consultation on the future shape and financing of Network Rail.

We would like to make you aware of just how unpopular the option of privatisation of Network Rail would be with the public. We recently released polling we commissioned from Survation which asked the public for their thoughts. The conclusions were:

- 59% of the public does not want Network Rail privatised. Less than one in four people think it should be privatised (24%)
- 2 out of 3 people think fares would increase if Network Rail were privatised
- Only 1 in 5 people think privatisation of Network Rail would reduce congestion and delays
- Only 13% believe privatisation would make the railways safer

I've attached the full polling data (see questions 5-8) and a couple of graphics which show these results.

We urge you not to undertake any privatisation of Network Rail - it would mean less safety, less accountability, more fragmentation and higher cost for passengers and taxpayers. Railtrack was a disaster that should not be repeated and we don't need more complexity or more private profit being taken from our rail network. We will be encouraging our supporters to get in touch with you as well.

Please keep Network Rail in public hands and work to make it more accountable to passengers.

Thank you for your time.

Cat Hobbs - on behalf of We Own It