

Improvement Notice

Serial number I/LP-060526



Name	Blackpool Transport Services Limited
Address	Rigby Road Blackpool In The, County Of Lancashire, FY1 5DD
Trading as	N/A
Inspector's full name	I, Lindsey Pyke
Official address	one of His Majesty's Inspectors of Railways, of The Office of Rail and Road, 3rd Floor, Mallard House, Kings Pool, 1-2 Peasholme Green, York, YO1 7PX
Telephone number	[REDACTED]
Location of premises or place of activity	hereby give you notice that I am of the opinion that at Blackpool Tramway that is operated between Starr Gate Depot, Fleetwood Ferry and Blackpool North Station. you, as an employer are contravening in circumstances that make it likely that the contravention will continue or be repeated the following relevant statutory provisions , Health and Safety at Work etc, Act 1974 Section 2(1) and Section 3(1) The reasons for my said opinion are You have failed to take so far as is reasonably practicable appropriate measures to control and mitigate known risks associated with bogie degradation which could give rise to derailment or collision. and I require you to remedy those said contraventions, or as the case may be, the matters occasioning them, by 19 th June 2026 and I direct that the measures specified in the schedule which forms part of this Notice shall be taken to remedy those contraventions or matters

Signature

Date / Time

An inspector appointed by an instrument in writing made under section 19 of the Health & Safety at Work etc Act 1974.

~~An improvement notice is also being served on~~ _____ ~~of~~

_____ ~~relating to the matters contained in this notice*~~

This is a relevant notice for the purposes of the Environment and Safety Information Act 1988.

Signature

Date

Notes

1. Failure to comply with this Improvement Notice is an offence as provided by section 33(1)(g) of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. Section 33(2) and Schedule 3A of that Act renders an offender liable, on summary conviction, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months in England and Wales and 12 months in Scotland, or to a fine unlimited in England and Wales or not exceeding £20 000 in Scotland, or both, or, on conviction on indictment, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years, or a fine, or both.
2. An Inspector has power to withdraw an Improvement Notice, or to extend the period specified in the Notice, before the end of the period specified in it. If you wish this to be considered you should apply to the Inspector who issued the Notice, but you must do so before the end of the period given in it. Such an application is not an appeal against this Notice.
3. The issue of this Notice does not relieve you of any legal liability for failing to comply with any statutory provisions referred to in the Notice or to perform any other statutory or common law duty resting on you.
4. You can appeal against this Notice to an Employment Tribunal. Details of the method of making an appeal can be found on the [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/employment-tribunals/make-a-claim) website at <https://www.gov.uk/employment-tribunals/make-a-claim>. An appeal can be submitted either online at the above address, or by downloading Form ET1 and posting it to either the Employment Tribunal Central Office (England and Wales), PO Box 11225, Loughborough, LE11 9PX; or Employment Tribunal Central Office (Scotland), PO Box 27105, Glasgow, G2 9JR. If you do not have access to the Internet, contact the person who issues the Notice and ask to be supplied with a hard copy of Form ET1 and guidance note T420: Making a Claim to an Employment Tribunal.

Time limit for appeal

5. A notice of appeal must be sent to the Employment Tribunal within 21 days from the date of service on the appellant of the Notice, or Notices appealed against, or within such further period as the tribunal considers reasonable in a case where it is satisfied that it was not reasonably practicable for the notice of appeal to be presented within the period of 21 days.
6. The entering of an appeal suspends the Improvement Notice until the appeal has been determined or withdrawn, but does not automatically alter the date given in this Notice by which the matters contained in it must be remedied.
7. The rules for the hearing of an appeal are set out in The Employment Tribunal Procedure Rules 2024 which came into force on the 6 January 2025 (Statutory Instrument 2024 No.1155)

PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF INFORMATION ON ALL ENFORCEMENT NOTICES

8. The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) for its own purposes, records and monitors trends in the enforcement action it takes, and in the convictions and penalties imposed by the Courts. It is ORR's policy that this information should be brought to the public's attention. ORR also has a statutory obligation under the Environment and Safety Information Act 1988 to maintain a public register of certain notices. Details from this notice will therefore be placed on the ORR website (www.orr.gov.uk).
9. Information on a notice will not be entered onto the database until after the right of appeal against the notice has expired. Where a notice is withdrawn or cancelled on appeal no entry will be made. Entries relating to notices served on individuals will be kept on the register for a period of 5 years from the date of issue. Notices served on individuals under the age of 18 will be removed sooner.
10. Information may be withheld where, in ORR's belief, its disclosure would:
 - cause harm or prejudice; or
 - be in breach of the law.
11. Personal information is dealt with in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018. Where disclosure of personal information would be incompatible with the Act it will not be included on the database.
12. If you are not satisfied with the information contained in the entry you have a further right to appeal to ORR in the first instance.

Schedule



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To comply with this notice you should carry out the following:

1. Identify reasonably practicable measures to control and mitigate the known safety risks arising from bogie degradation including risks associated with safety-critical defects that could give rise to derailment or collision.

Such decisions on whether bogies may be returned to, or remain in, operational service should be based on defined decision criteria and the effectiveness of the measures implemented to mitigate risk of derailment or collision.

2. Implement the measures identified by the assessment in paragraph 1 and document that those measures have been implemented and are effective, before any vehicle fitted with any of the above bogies is returned to, or remains in, operational service.

OR

Any other equally effective measures to remedy the said contraventions

Signature

Date:

Notice of Extension

To : Blackpool Transport Services Limited
Trading as :
Of : Rigby Road Blackpool In The, Country of Lancashire, FY1 5DD

I, **Lindsey Pyke**, one of HM Inspectors of Railways, hereby extend the period specified in Improvement Notice No. **I/LP-060526**

dated 06/05/2026 and originally expiring on 19/06/2026
until 13/08/2026

Signature 
Date 17/06/2026

Inspector's official address : The Office of Rail and Road, 3rd Floor, Mallard House, Kingspool, 1-2 Peasholme Green, York, Y01 7PX

Tel 

e:mail 

Note

I refer to your letter requesting an extension to this Notice, which is detailed above.

I enclose an additional copy for the information of your employees, and I would be grateful if you would bring it, and the reasons you requested the extension, to their attention by placing the copy on the employees' notice board, or by giving it to the relevant employees' representative.