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National Control Instruction

Network Rail controllers shall, on a 'real time' basis in our capacity as operators of the Network manage Air Traffic Incidents in accordance with the following instructions

Approved Code of Practice

Controllers shall if necessary apply the provisions of this instruction as appropriate.

7.7.1 Airports in close proximity to Railway Lines

- Direct lines are provided from the relevant signalling centre to the air traffic control tower at each airport adjacent to Network Rail infrastructure.
- At some locations Aircraft Trip Wires are provided in close proximity to the Airport/Railway boundary. In the event that an aircraft fails to clear the runway on take-off, or crash lands on the approach, the trip wire will be broken and will replace all signals to danger. In addition where overhead line equipment exists, the traction current will also be isolated.
- There are local instructions at each location for the regular testing of trip wires and the action to be taken in respect of trip wire activation.
- Any incidents should be logged and reported to the National Operations Centre.

7.7.2 Low Flying Aircraft

The following is additional information concerning air traffic incident reporting.

Details of reported incidents of low flying aircraft endangering railway activities should be reported to the National Operations Centre and the following locations:

<u>Civilian air traffic:</u>	Civil Aviation Authority CAA House 45 - 59 Kingsway London WC2B 6TE ☎ 020 7379 7311
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