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A NEW ERA FOR THE BRITISH RAILWAY

The forthcoming Railways Bill will unlock a revolution on Britain's railways. Implementation of Great British Railways (GBR) will be a generational shift in how the network is operated, creating a central guiding mind intended to bring together track and train.

While the overall intentions from the Government are clear, much of the detail is not. As the era of privatisation comes to a close, the Bill will need to define many things: to name just three, the Bill will set the future role of the Office and Rail and Road, whether and how devolved institutions will be able to offer concessions to run local networks and how freight and passenger private sector suppliers can access the network. It remains unclear whether the Bill will specify how GBR should work or whether powers will be reserved for the Secretary of State to set the rules at a later date via secondary legislation.

All of these open questions make it essential for rail sector businesses and organisations to track progress of the legislation as it moves through Parliament. Debates, amendments and votes will have significant power to shape the final version of the legislation and politically sensitive, human not AI-led monitoring is essential to shape public affairs engagement on the Bill as it progresses.



WHY TRACK THE BILL?

The Railways Bill will have huge impact across every part of the rail sector, far beyond who is responsible for operating passenger services. As the Bill evolves during its passage through Parliament, it is critical for rail businesses to:



Track Progress

We will ensure you can track passage of the Bill in real-time



Monitor Amendments

Our amendment monitoring will tell you what is being tabled, what is likely to be debated and passed and how this would affect your business



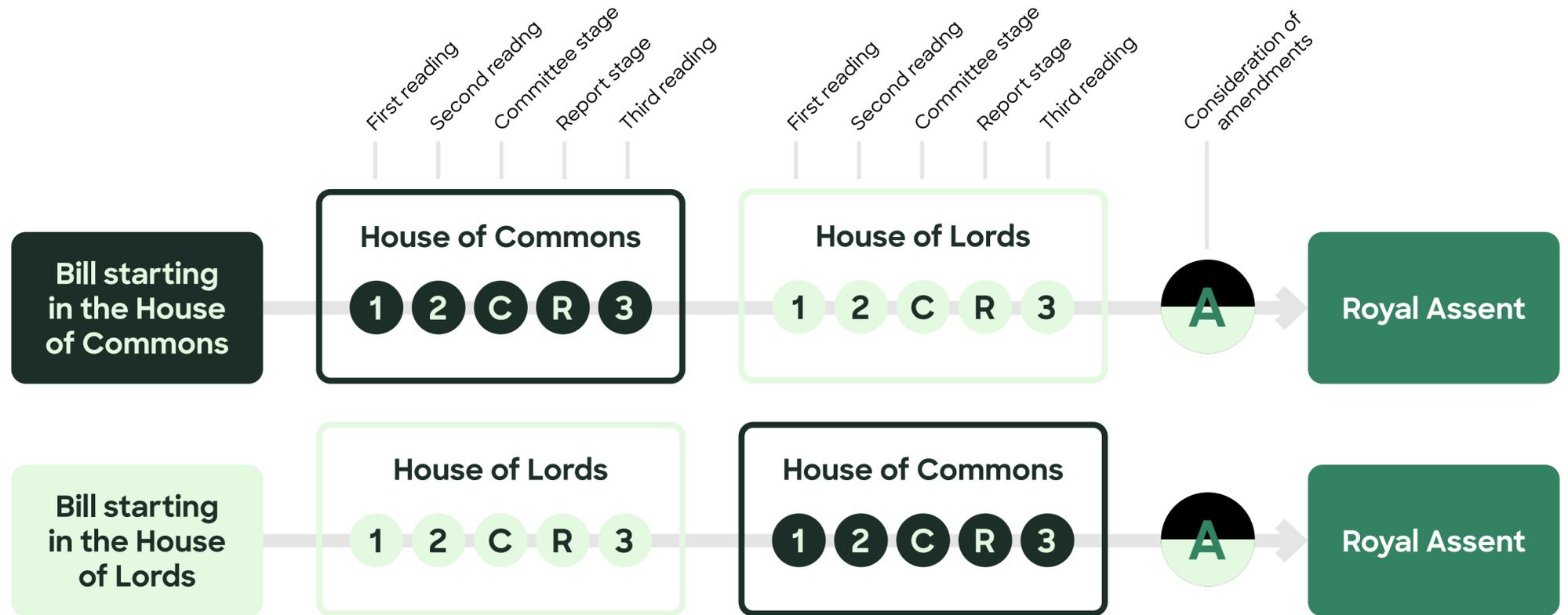
Use Intelligence to Influence Outcomes

Armed with the right intelligence, you will have all the information you need to effectively influence the content of the Bill

FIELD'S MONITORING

We will track every element of the Bill's passage from its introduction – currently expected in November 2025 – through every stage in both Houses and to Royal Assent. A substantial Bill like this typically takes six to nine months to clear all Parliamentary stages (outlined right). The Bill could start in the Commons or the Lords.

This is real, insights-led monitoring delivered by Field's rail and political experts - not summaries drafted by AI software.



If you take our Bill monitoring service, we will provide:



Daily reports on every day of debate across Second Reading, Committee, Report and Third Reading in both Houses, plus 'ping-pong' if and when it arises ahead of Royal Assent.



Real time alerts of key developments relevant to your business as they arise.



Daily analysis of proceedings, identifying the most important speeches, interventions, amendments and votes. This analysis will be driven by insights from Field's team of experts.



Weekly analysis of tabled amendments, studying how the Government is editing its Bill and forecasting likely topics of debate at Committee and Report stages based on Opposition and backbench amendments.



Where debates are scheduled, weekly digests of detail you may have missed from the daily reports.



Wider news monitoring to accommodate relevant Parliamentary Questions, Oral Questions and Written Ministerial Statements which are directly relevant to the Bill.

WHY FIELD?



Field Consulting is the leading public affairs agency in the rail sector. Today, we work for a wide range of train operators – both private sector and DFT Operator businesses – owning groups, supply chain and campaign groups. Our experience in British rail is unmatched and across our wider practice, our team of award-winning consultants have a proud track record in influencing policy.



Our insights helped to shape a number of clients' submissions to the consultation "A railway for Britain's future" earlier this year, supporting arguments to champion the passenger interest and continued growth of a vibrant mixed economy in the rail sector.



Field's monitoring service for the Railways Bill will tell you far more than what has happened during debates on the Bill. We will give you insights into the key interventions, scan the horizon to help your organisation anticipate what will happen next and share bespoke analysis.

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