

Witness: JAMES PETTS
FIRST statement of the witness
On behalf of the claimant
Dated: 5 October 2025
Exhibits: JEP/1

**IN THE COUNTY COURT
AT CREWE**

Claim n°. M2QZ8W34

BETWEEN: –

JAMES PETTS

Claimant

- and -

STEPHEN FREEMAN

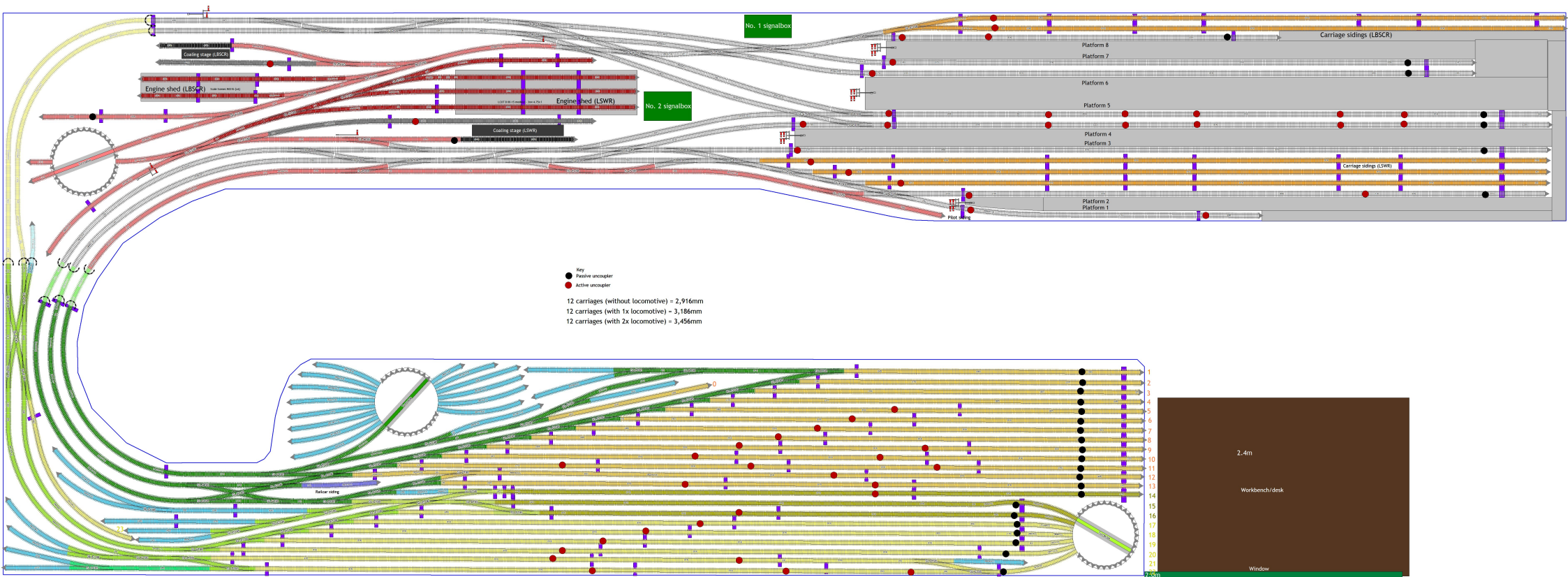
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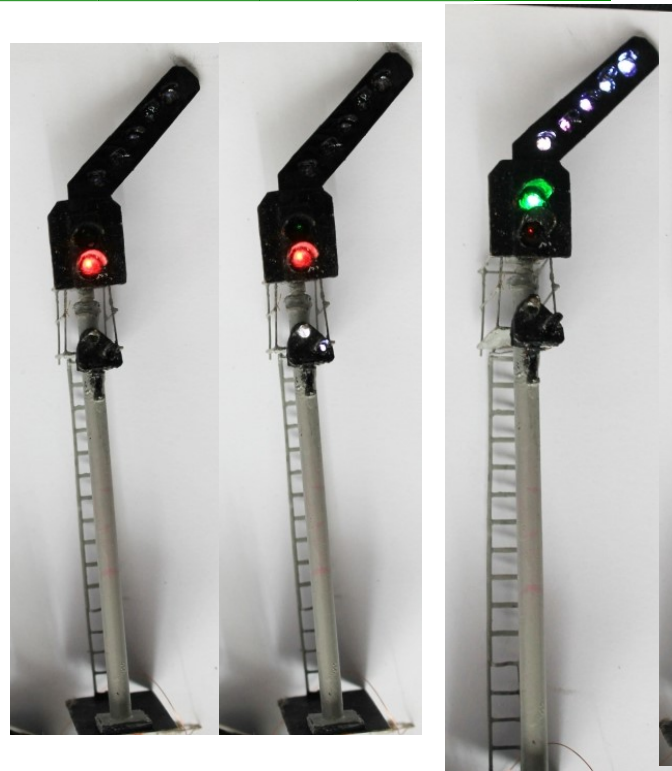
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STEPHEN FREEMAN -FINESCALE MODEL RAILWAY TRACKWORK AND SIGNALS

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NEWS

I have been building model railway trackwork and signals professionally for over 25 years. I have also designed various etched parts for model railways, which have been produced in either brass or nickel silver. Now I am beginning to embrace the 3D printed world as well, mainly for signalling parts but also some track parts hopefully. More news on this in due course.

As can be seen from the above I also build Colour light signals to order in both 4mm and 7mm scales (the one pictured above is 7mm scale). Banner Repeaters and Route Indicators are currently under consideration.

PRICES - recently, I have been giving the matter some consideration. Historically the larger scales have been very much more expensive than the smaller ones. Now for certain things this can hold true (e.g. a highly detailed locomotive or coach) but for others, I think it is not, it all depends on the amount of work required. Then there is the snobbery angle. "If it is more expensive it must be better". Trackwork, yes the raw materials may cost more but like for like they do not take any longer to build, true if something has more detail then it involves more work and will be more expensive. The same holds true for Signals. The smaller scales suffer because to achieve the same thing takes more time, which is actually a lot more expensive than the parts. So a lot of my prices for 7mm scale items will be going down, whilst the smaller ones will be going up. I have also revamped the 4mm scale prices so some will be up whilst others down. This is all to reflect the actual cost of the item concerned, which is primarily the cost of making the thing. For example a standard 7mm scale signal with working light and servo will now cost from £83.00 (£55.00 without light or servo) in comparison for the same signal in 4mm now £69.60 (£41.60 no light or servo), the difference being the additional cost of "P&P" plus parts, the time it takes and hence the cost of putting it together is much the same. A bracket signal having 2 posts and two arms with a similar specification will now cost £195 (£146.00 with no servos or lights) in 7mm scale and £201.00 in 4mm scale (£145.00 no lights or servos) simply because although the parts may be slightly more expensive in 7mm scale it is easier to build and takes less time.

I have now found the time to design a few things in 3D, the first item that will appear is a [7mm scale model of a Midland Railway square lamp casing](#). These will be available soon and will be followed by other items in due course.

NEW - [GPLS Colour Light Signals](#)

[Colour Light Signals](#)

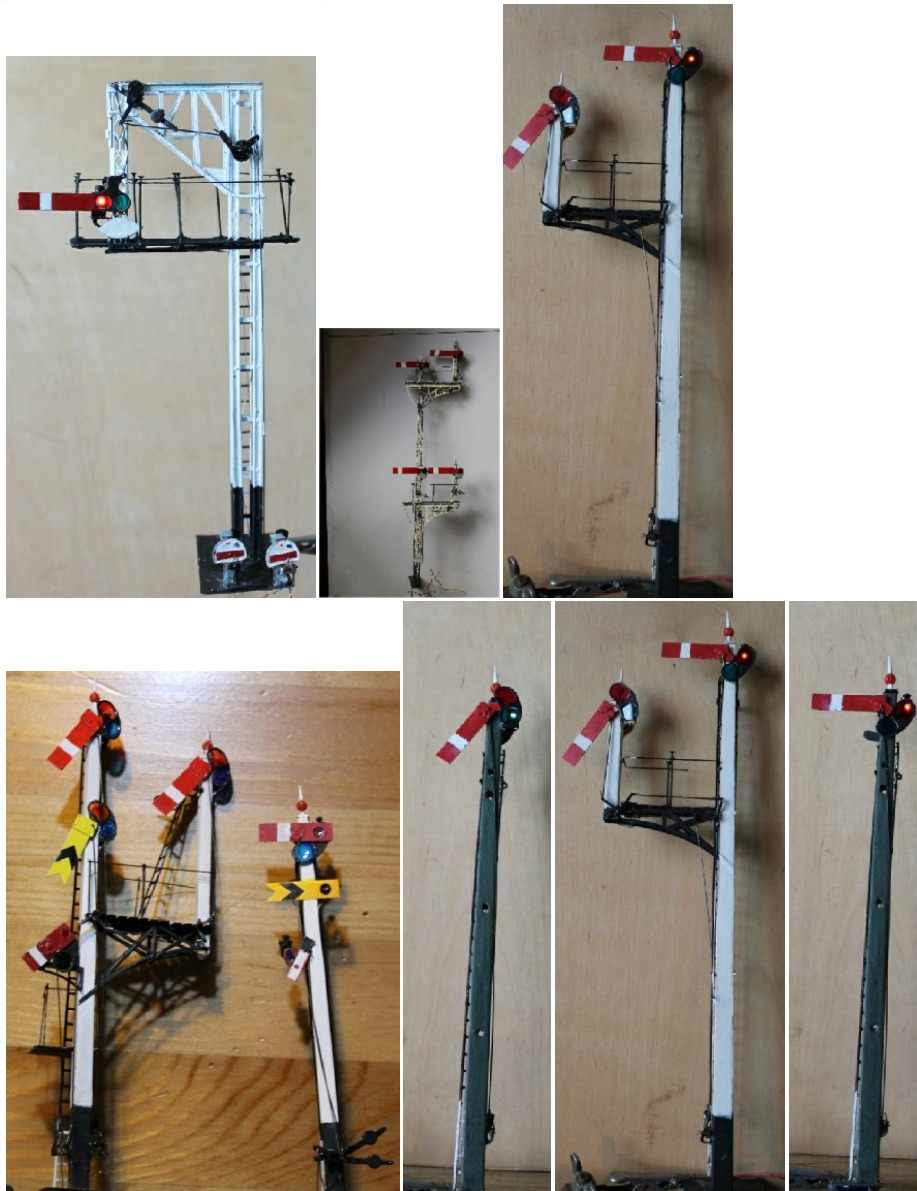
Youtube videos - there is now a page showing various [signals working](#)

[7mm scale Etched Fishplates](#)

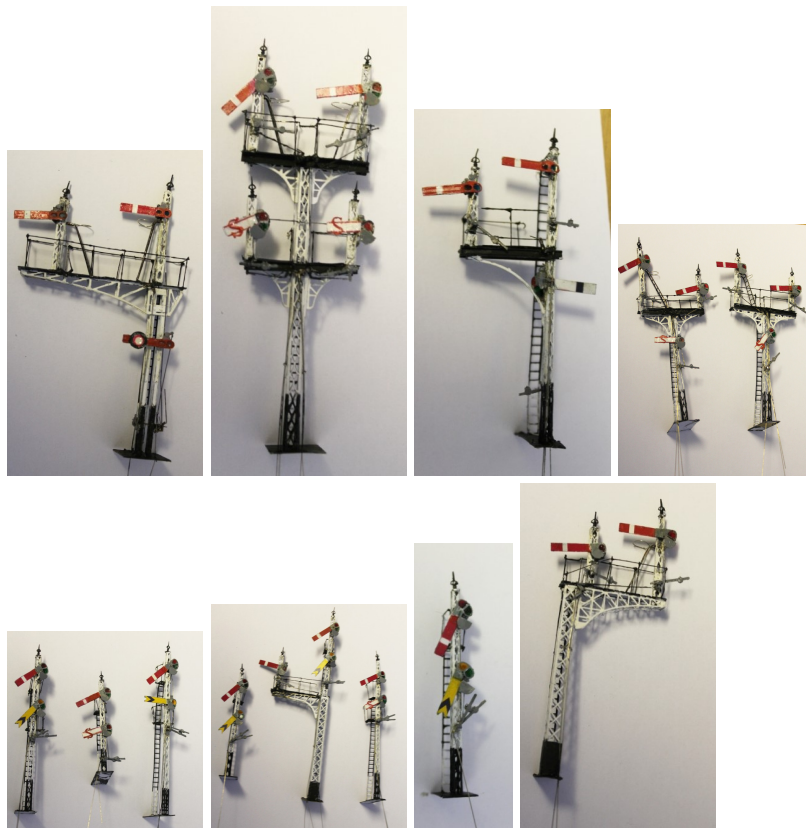
Below are some Youtube videos of the more interesting projects of recent times along with with some still images.

somersault bracket		lnwrbracket
	7mm scale model of the t...	

diamond crossing 		4mm scale model of a GW... 
4mm scale LNER Ground ... 	7mm scale Western Regio... 	4mm scale concrete post ... 



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Terms

2 week cooling off period unless waived. - If you waive it, I can usually make a start sooner, the choice is yours.

Orders under £600.00

Deposit of 60% required with order. This is to enable the purchase of parts. I have had to increase it from 30% to protect myself from the forces of nature etc.

Balance payable on completion.

Orders of £600.00 and over

Deposit of 50% required with order.

Stage payments of the Balance in equal amounts but not more than £600.00 each.

Postage - currently included in the cost for UK orders.

For small parcels I normally use Royal Mail. For larger parcels then my choice is usually DX, DHL or UPS.

- UK - cost inclusive
- Outside UK - at cost

Payment Methods

Paypal - Credit/Debit cards via Internet - most currencies/cards accepted

Direct Payment to Bank Account in Sterling

Cheques - sorry due to the inconvenience and cost I do not normally accept them unless absolutely necessary.

Subject: Re: Bespoke signal inquiry
From: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>
Date: 21/09/2023, 07:24
To: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

Good Morning,

Thank you for your enquiry. Whilst I know how to make them, my knowledge on placement is far from encyclopedic, in my experience the best place to ask is on RMWeb, chap called "The Stationmaster", real name Mike Romans, what he doesn't know isn't worth writing about.

However, as far as I can see there are 5 main routes into the station, so I think they all need a signal, 5 arms might be a bit much for a single bracket, so you could consider a gantry. On the LBSCR line I think you have four routes in to signal.

Departure signals. Platforms 4 and 5 are the problem as they have 2 choices to make. Probably simplest would be to use a route indicator (dummy I'm afraid) to indicate which one and the signal on platform 4/3 would need to be to right of the turnout. As for the design of the signals, I am drawn to those that were at Bournemouth West. There you would have a choice of lower quadrant or upper quadrant, in your case lower quadrant, the upper quadrant ones had elevated shunt disc arms as well as the main arms, the lower quadrant ones had shunt arms not discs. I may have a photo somewhere, if I can find it.

Exit from shed as shown but correct pattern arms

I think the carriage sidings need ground signals as do the turnouts on the pilot road.

The model signals

There are going to be a large number of signals involved, so the most cost-effective method is to use Megapoints Servo control boards, they will control 12 servos but will need a decent power supply.

There are basically two methods of mounting the servos, either on the signal base or on a bracket attached to the underneath of the baseboard. It is much easier to setup the signals with the servos attached to the signal base without needing to work under the baseboard to the same extent.

I'll see if I can find some photos for you

Stephen Freeman

Finescale Semaphore Signals, Track and Pointwork in 2mm to 7m scales

<http://www.tracknsignals.co.uk>

On 20/09/2023 20:42, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

I am contemplating ordering some bespoke semaphore and mechanical ground signals for an OO gauge layout that I am currently in the early stages of building. For reference, [here is the SCARM track plan](#), albeit the signals shown on this track plan are rudimentary as the tools for showing signals in SCARM are very limited and I have not completed the signalling design in any event.

At this stage, are you able to let me know how best to communicate the requirements of what I am seeking so that you can produce a quote? I do not have any expertise in drawing signalling diagrams. I could, however, potentially modify the SCARM plan by exporting it without the signals drawn in on SCARM, but marked with better symbols for the signals if that would help?

For reference, the layout is a fictional location, but based on the Southern Railway in 1936. I envisage the station last to have been resignalled in the early 1900s by the LSWR, and would be about to be resignalled by the Southern in the near future pending the arrival of electrification, so I anticipate mostly lower quadrant signals of the type that the LSWR would have used in that period. I should note that the station is intended to represent a meeting point of the LSWR and LBSCR (similar to Portsmouth in that respect), but I suspect that signals would have been procured together as part of a single scheme by the 20th century.

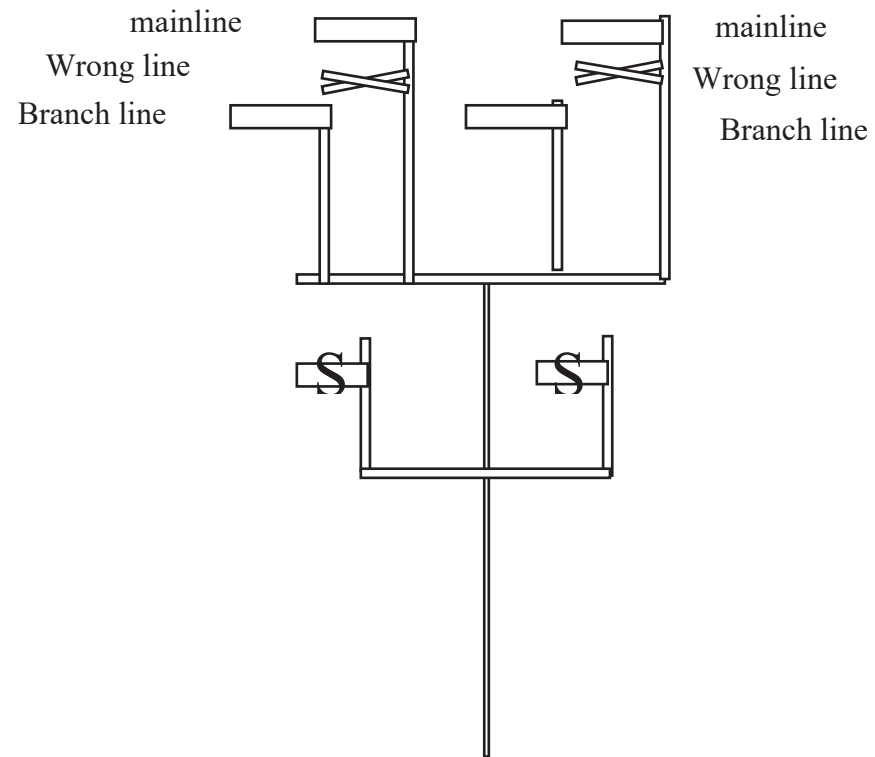
In terms of operation, I understand that you can supply the signals with servos and LEDs for the lights. Can I check how the servos are arranged and configured and how the mounting works? It would help me to know what provision to make for control of the servos (bounce, etc.) and also for mounting, as well as having an idea about where in the sequence of building the layout that they should be installed.

Thank you in advance for any assistance;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

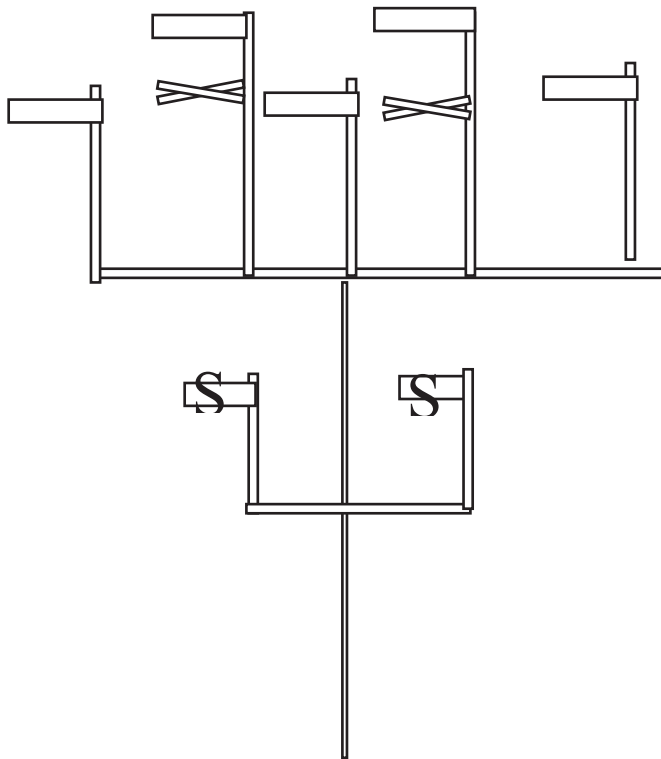
Platform 1 and 2



depot entry needs a
ground signal

Note Route Indicators of
either type need an extra
servo for the blanking plate
when at danger

Platform 3 and 4



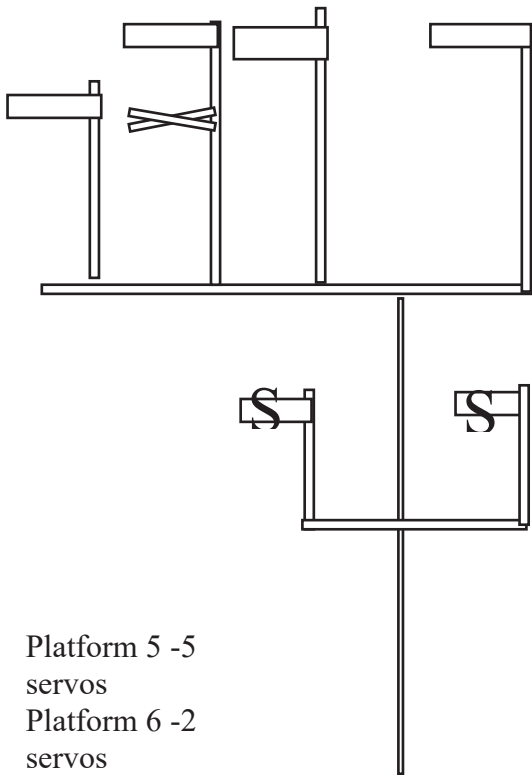
Platform 3 has 3 possible routes

- 1 lswr main
- 2 branch
- 3 depot

Platform 4 has 4 possible routes

- 1 lswr main
- 2 branch
- 3 depot
- 4 lbscr

Platform 5 and 6



Platform 5 has 4 possible routes

1 lswr main

2 branch

3 depot

4 lbscr

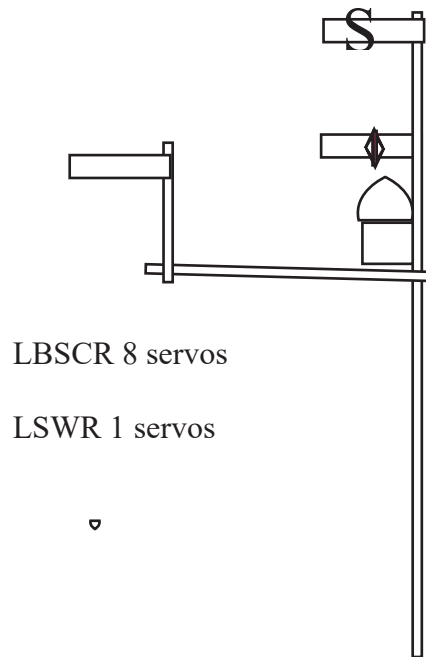
Platform 6 has 2 possible routes

1 lbscr

2 depot

Carriage Siding LSWR exits x 3 - ground signals

Depot exits x 1



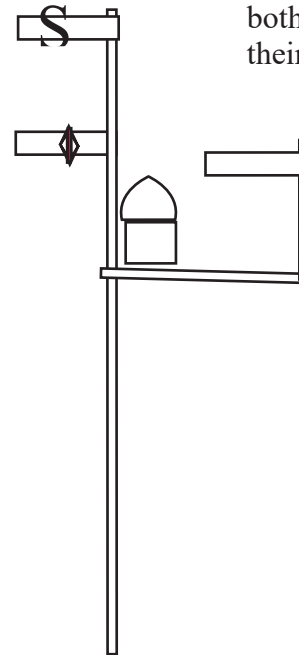
LBSCR 8 servos

LSWR 1 servos

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Lbscr 5 routes
Platform 8
Platform 7
Platform 6
Platform 5
Platform 4

LSWR 5 routes
Platform 1
Platform 2
Platform 3
Platform 4
Platform 5



Ground Signals are only really needed where sidings are involved or turnouts need their own indicators.

Only used where speeds are low.

Following on from the arrangement of the home signal at Bournemouth West, both signals would need an arm for their respective Carriage sidings.

LSWR Home Signal

Platform 5

Platform 4

Platform 3

Platform 2

Platform 1

Platform 8

Platform 7

Platform 6

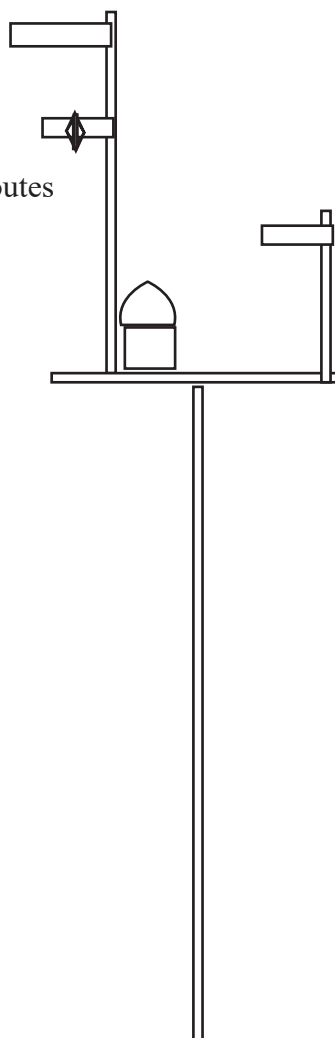
Platform 5

Platform 4

Indicator has 5 routes

- 1 platform 5
- 2 platform 4
- 3 platform 3
- 4 platform 2
- 5 platform 1

9 servos

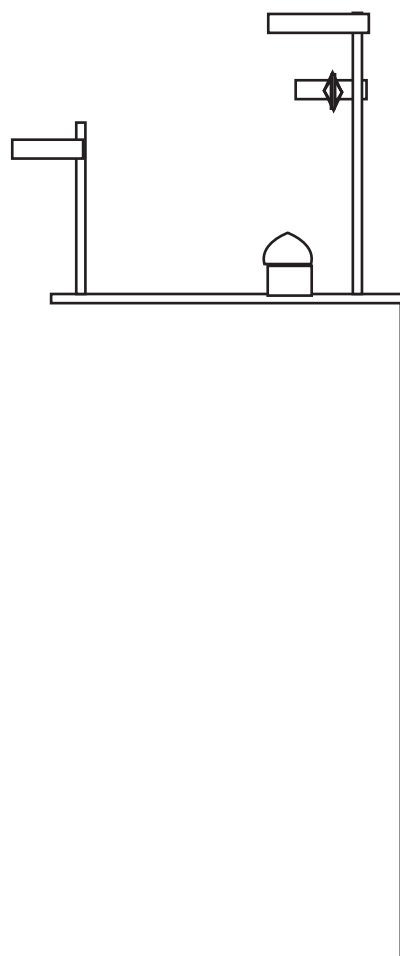


LBSCR Home Signal

Indicator has 5 routes

- 1 platform 8
- 2 platform 7
- 3 platform 6
- 4 platform 5
- 5 platform 4

9 servos in all



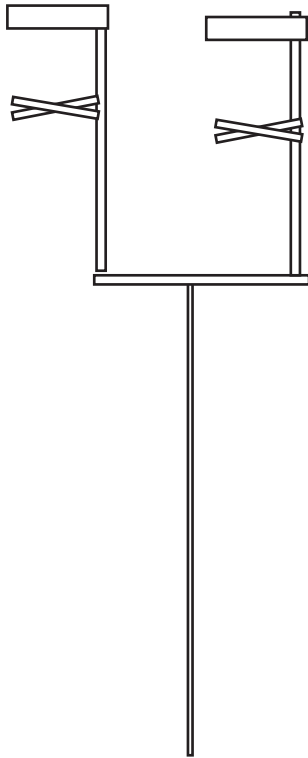
Platform 7 & 8

LBSCR

LBSCR

depot

depot or wrong line



4 servos

Subject: Re: Signals
From: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>
Date: 01/04/2025, 07:24
To: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

Good Morning,

Money has arrived, so I will be busy packing signals.

Thanks

Stephen Freeman

[My Website](#)

[My Youtube Channel](#)

On 30/03/2025 21:56, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

thank you for that and the information about the signals controlling entry to the carriage sidings - that is most helpful. I have now scheduled the payment, which is due to be made on the 1st of April. I should be grateful if you could let me know when you receive it;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 29/03/2025 14:41, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Yes you are correct, the outstanding balance is £3,741.64 and my account details remain unchanged. I will have to check on the other PC about the two home signals, which could be a bit of problem, hopefully I can find the details but I had a problem with the computer a few months ago and some files got corrupted, fortunately not the main drive.

I will go upstairs now and have a look.

Stephen Freeman

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On 29/03/2025 12:49, James E. Petts wrote:

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As for shipping, I should be grateful if you could send these to my work address, as I live alone and am often not home during the daytime, which is:

Ten Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn,
London,
WC2A 3SU.

One query if I may regarding the home signals: I seem to have misplaced the e-mails regarding the conversation about how these would be used. I notice that the final design has two different home arms. Can you remind me what each of these do? I understand the function of the main arm, the route indicator, and the small shunt ahead arm, but I cannot recall the function of the second large arm. I note that one of the signals originally had this marked with an "S" until you revised this as in your e-mail below.

Thank you again for your work on this;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 28/03/2025 16:51, Stephen Freeman wrote:

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Subject: Fw: signals
From: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>
Date: 05/10/2025, 12:12
To: James Petts <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

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From: James E. Petts <jamespetts@yahoo.com>
To: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, 13 October 2023 at 11:36:20 BST
Subject: Re: signals

Excellent, thank you.

On 13/10/2023 08:02, Stephen Freeman wrote:

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Good Morning,

Pleased to confirm receipt of the deposit. I will be cracking on with it asap.

Thanks

Stephen Freeman
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On 12/10/2023 17:06, James E. Petts wrote:

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Dear Stephen,

thank you for that. I have now paid the deposit amount of £1,603.56 to the bank details provided. I should be grateful if you could confirm receipt. I shall look forward to receiving the signals next year. Thank you very much for all of your hard work in relation to the design.

Incidentally, I hope to be able to revert further within the next week or so relating to the club project. Being a joint matter, it takes longer to revert on that as consultation is required with others;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 12/10/2023 11:55, Stephen Freeman wrote:

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Good Morning again,

I have removed the Limit of shunt signs from the quote as requested.

Deposit:

I can either send you a Paypal Invoice, which you can pay by card etc or to my Bank Account as you wish detailed below:

Bank: HSBC Bank plc

Branch: Liverpool

Sortcode: 40-29-12

Account No: 61955659

Account: S R Freeman

It is quite a lot of work so will probably take some time to complete all aspects but I expect you have anticipated this to be the case. However, hopefully no later than by Easter next year and sooner if I can.

As you may know there is currently no commercial offering for the correct diamond calling on arm available, however I have just finished creating the necessary artwork in Turbocad, which will be included in my next submission to PPD, so that's a problem solved.

Stephen Freeman

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On 12/10/2023 10:59, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

thank you for that: that is most helpful, especially the precedents for the combination of "S" and the diamond and the ground signal next to the main signal. Thank you also for the advice about the shunt limit boards; if it was standard for the next signal to suffice for this on the Southern, I will omit this element. Aside from that, I think that we are ready to go. Please let me have the relevant details for the deposit (together with a final costing with the removed limit of shunt boards);

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 12/10/2023 08:54, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Good Morning,

Replies as below. Just a couple of interesting point, LSWR used green glass in their spectacles except for bowties which were violet. I have included the shunt ahead limit signs but they are really optional as in their absence the limit would be the next signal.

Stephen Freeman

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On 11/10/2023 23:16, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

excellent, thank you for that. That does clarify things. I do not think that it makes much sense for a locomotive exiting the LSWR depot to have to set back to the home signal to get a route, not least because a train may be waiting at the home signal while the locomotive needs to shunt. I would suggest using the same pattern as the LBSC depot exit signal here.

OK both the same now and with provision for accessing the carriage sidings as have the home signals. You will still need the ground signals for LSWR version to cover the ahead shunting move in the yard, the provision of a ground signal close to a full signal was a common feature on both LSWR and the Southern. I think that has everything covered now.

Can I check whether you know whether there were in fact stations where the "S" and the diamond were used simultaneously? I had thought that the "S" and "C" were Southern practice, and the diamond LSWR practice.

I have the proof! I think, Gas Works Junction on the Bournemouth West line had a diamond calling on arm (page 22 Wallis southern infrastructure vol 1), whilst the terminus had LQ with an S shunt ahead arms.

In any event, thank you again for your help with this;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 11/10/2023 12:26, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Good Morning,

I have attached 2 out of 3 updated files. Final versions will be needed depending on how we proceed with the depot exits. I have annotated the matters that might need to be altered.

Hope this helps.

Stephen Freeman

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On 11/10/2023 00:33, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

thank you for all that, and apologies for not having had the chance to reply sooner: I have been very busy with work in the last week. The new drawings and diagrams give rise to some additional queries.

First of all, the position of the home signal. You mark this, I think, on one of the diagrams at least, on the LSWR lines much closer to the station than I had marked it, next to the coaling stage. This is after the crossover from the depot lines. This means that another main signal somewhere would need to protect that crossover - presumably an off-scene outer home. May I ask why a signal would have been placed here, so close to the station, and leaving trains standing fouling the depot entry crossover? I am not sure that I understand the sense of this arrangement. I see that you mention that it would save having an indicator, but I cannot imagine that this would be a valid reason for an actual railway company to signal the line like this (unless I have misunderstood something)? I note that, on the latest diagram, you have moved it just before the first crossover, but not back as far as I had put it (assuming that I have interpreted your horizontal red lines correctly). I had put it further back to leave some level of overlap - was there a reason that you had put the signal so close to the points? Which version are you now envisaging/recommending?

No, on the latest diagram I did I have the LSWR home signal outside all pointwork. I have attached another copy. Though that raise the question of route indicator etc again, see below. - **subject to adjustment**

Secondly, you refer to LBSCR practice. I had envisaged this as a joint station, having last been remodelled some time in the first decade of the 20th century. I am not entirely sure what the practice was with joint stations, but was it not that one or other of the companies provided the signalling for the entire station as part of one coherent signalling scheme, and the other company's signalling practice would only start on the next block up the line? I can imagine that it would create myriad anomalies in reality if two different railway companies' signalling practices were used at the one station, which is why I have envisaged this station having been signalled in its entirety by the LSWR, even though, operationally, we see two separate signalboxes and the lines from the LBSC line to platforms 4/5 would have been operated by both signalboxes having to pull off the relevant levers.

I only mentioned the LBSCR practice in passing not a suggestion that it should be adopted for that part of the layout, sorry if I confused things

Thirdly, as to platform 7: presumably this needs a bowtie signal because both it and platform 8 will use the down LBSC (that is, the main LBSC line heading into the station) as a headhunt for the carriage sidings? Indeed, this is also the reason that platform 8 has a bowtie signal, so I am not entirely sure that I follow the distinction that you envisage here between platforms 7 and 8.

I had already altered it - I think I must have been thinking about platform 6

As to the position of the ground signal near the LBSC carriage sidings, I see that this is placed after the turnout controlling entry to platform 8. Given that this set of points would be controlled by the signalbox rather than a ground frame, would this not be placed nearer the carriage sidings? I am understanding this, incidentally, as a signal for exiting the carriage sidings. I would not imagine that a signal would be needed for *entering* the carriage sidings if a train is already on a properly signalled shunt move: I cannot imagine any reason for a train on a shunt move to stop at a signal just outside the carriage sidings. However, a train *in* the carriage sidings would have to know whether the route back out onto the main line is clear or whether the train should wait in the carriage sidings for a main line move before proceeding. Thus, what should be required is a signal for exiting the carriage sidings, and, presumably, one for each carriage siding.

I think you need a ground signal to control exit. One covering both sidings as the point to the different carriage sidings would be controlled by a ground lever. For the home signal I do not think it would have included the carriage sidings in the indicator. It would have a separate arm (as per Bournemouth West) though that didn't read into the carriage siding but a siding complex.

The same would, I anticipate, apply to the LSWR carriage sidings: what is required, if I have understood signalling practice correctly, in each case is a signal for exiting each of the carriage siding roads, albeit this would not, I envisage, change the total number of ground signals required on the LSWR side for the carriage sidings.

Normally the carriage sidings would join together before joining the running line but I understand why not here. They would each need a ground signal for exit. The home signal would probably need a doll (post) with one small arm to cover entry. The southern/LSWR often but not always just used the one arm but could be 3. - subject to adjustment

Next, I note that you specify the depot exit signal on the LSWR side as a shunt ahead and have specified this as being a ground signal here. Given what is discussed above about the position of the LSWR home signal, is this still correct? The shunt ahead into the pilot siding appears to be correct.

Well you could have the same as the LBSCR, but in both cases I am tempted to think that they would set back to the home signal to be given a route, in which case a ground signal would be applicable to both. - subject to adjustment

Another thing that arises is this. I have remembered that I have at home a copy of a 1934 edition of the Southern Railway general and central/eastern appendices to the working timetable. In that volume are two pages describing signals, copies of which are attached. The significant features that I glean from this are: (1) the signals marked as "S" are described as "shunt ahead"; and (2) the diamond call on indications are still shown as being used. However, the evidence of 1930s usage from Bournemouth West with "S" being used for shunt moves generally (rather than for what is now called "shunt ahead" - i.e., as signalled by the yellow flap signals) on lower quadrant signals originally installed by the LSWR suggests that replicating this on my layout would be sensible.

Yes it's just easier to represent it on the drawing by a C, it was quite hard to draw a diamond in this particular program and I am not entirely sure about it now. The western section aspect differs from the Central Section one.

Shunt ahead is different from Call on, Shunt ahead refers to the situation where you can proceed to the next signal or limit board, Call on refers to entering a platform even though part of it might be occupied.

Thank you again for your work so far on this, and apologies again for not having had a chance to have responded sooner;

yours sincerely

James.

On 10/10/2023 15:36, Stephen Freeman wrote:

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I have amended the diagram and quote in light of the book, though it's possible a few more might be needed.

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Stephen Freeman

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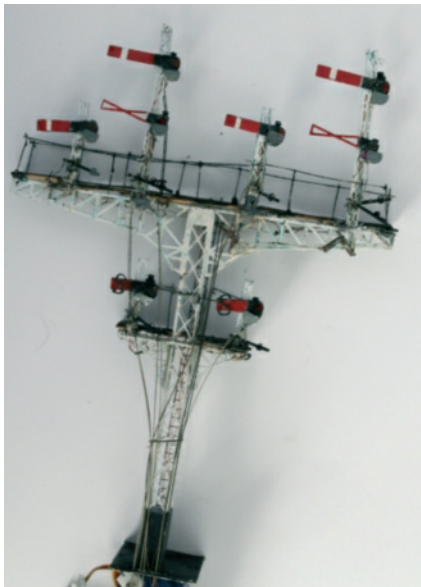
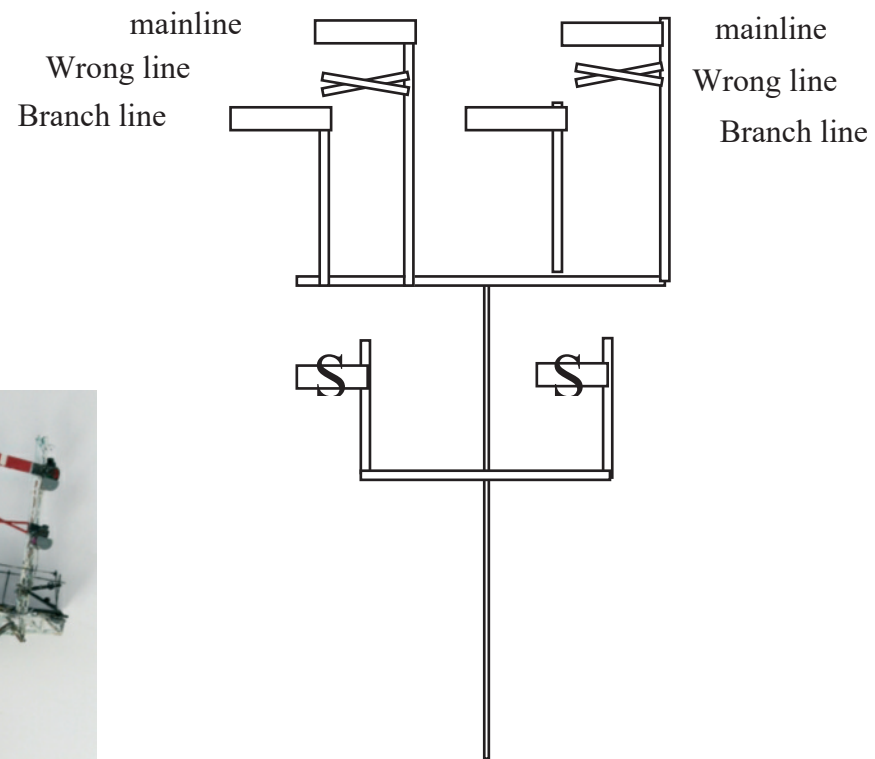
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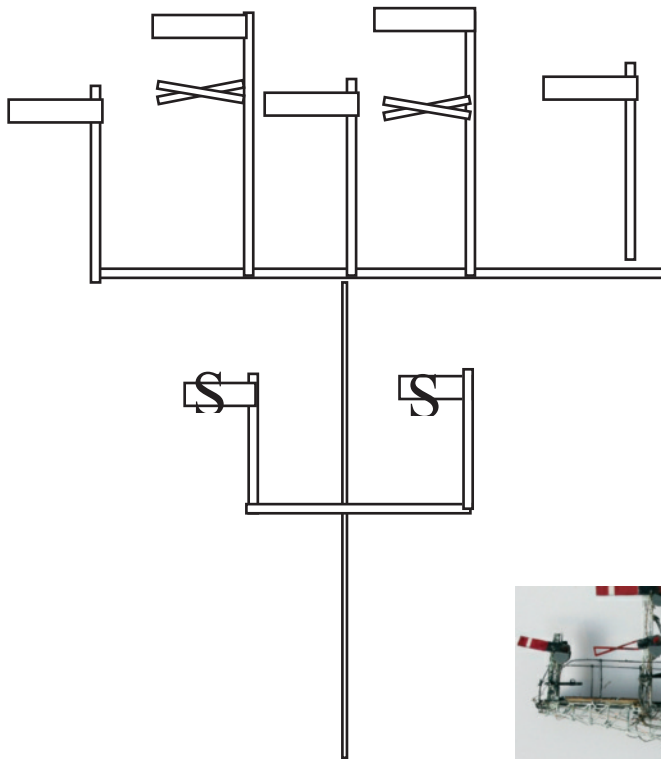
Platform 1 and 2



depot entry needs a
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Note Route Indicators of
either type need an extra
servo for the blanking plate
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Platform 3 and 4



Platform 3 has 3 possible routes

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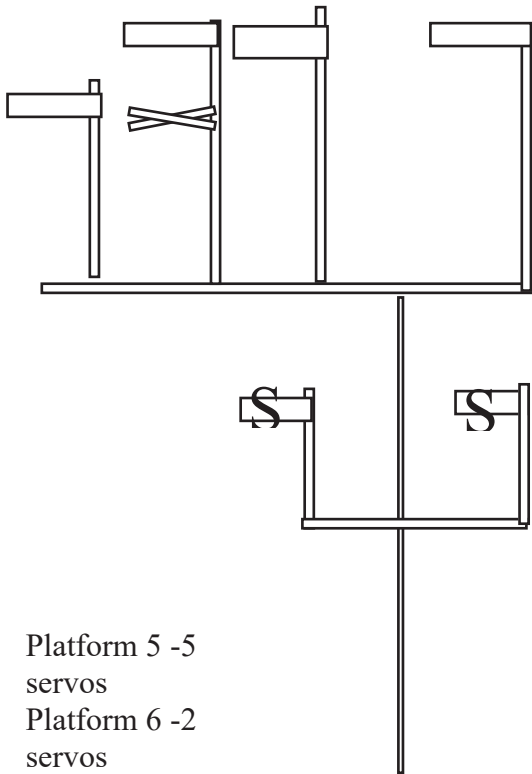
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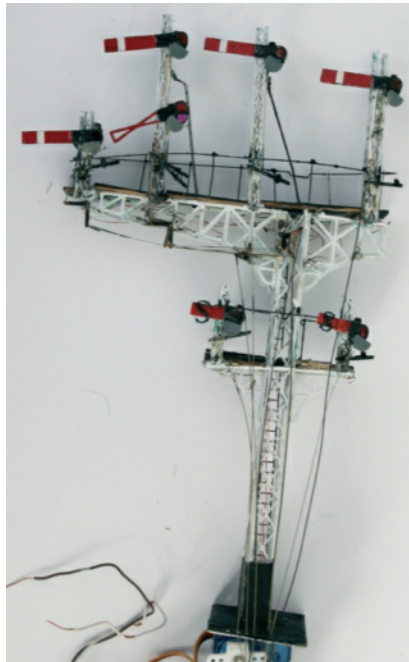
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Platform 5 and 6



Platform 5 -5
servos
Platform 6 -2
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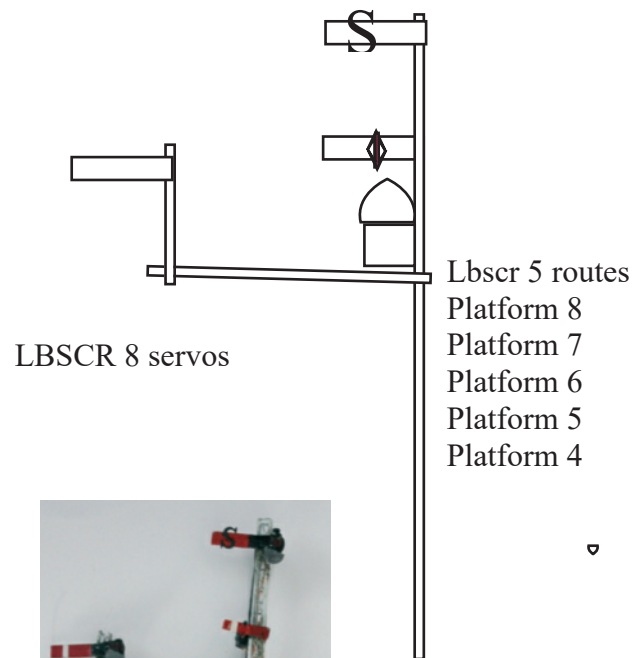
Carriage Siding LSWR exits x 3 - ground signals

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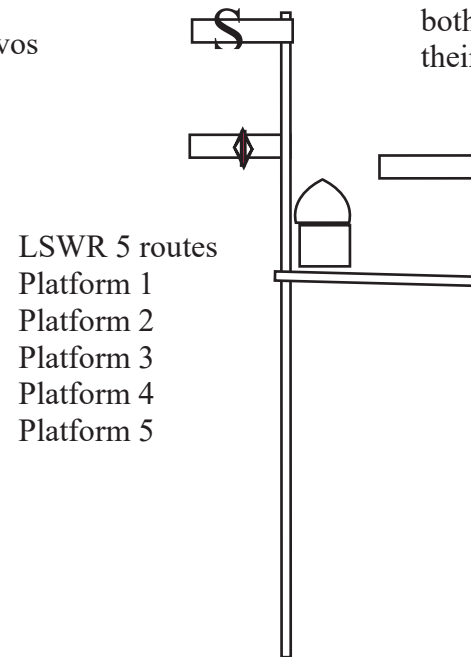
LSWR depot exit

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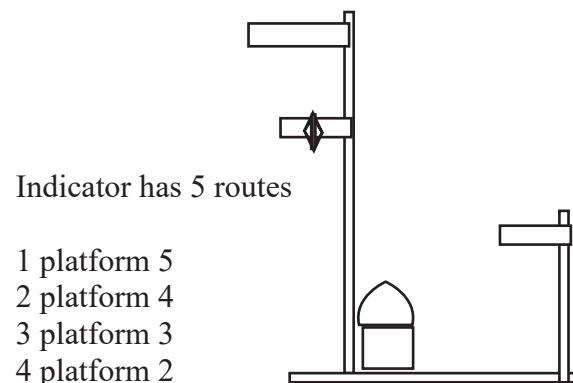


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LSWR Home Signal

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Indicator has 5 routes

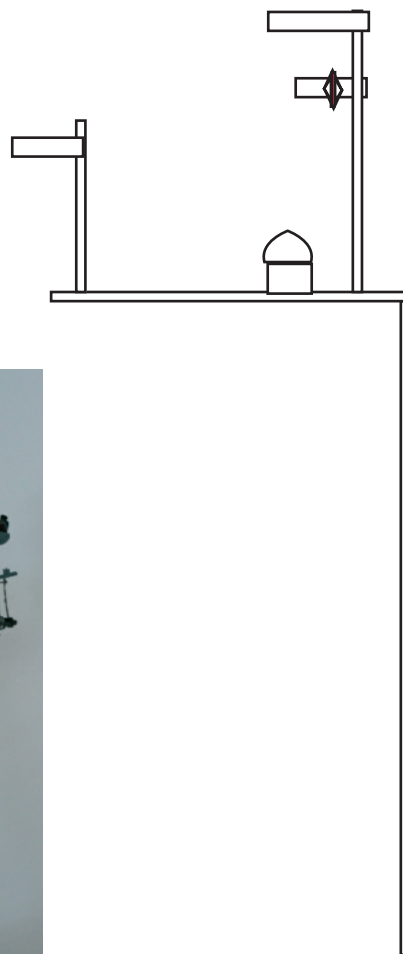
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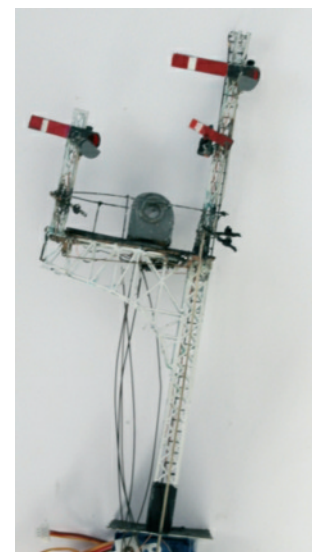
Platform 8 Platform 7 Platform 6 Platform 5 Platform 4



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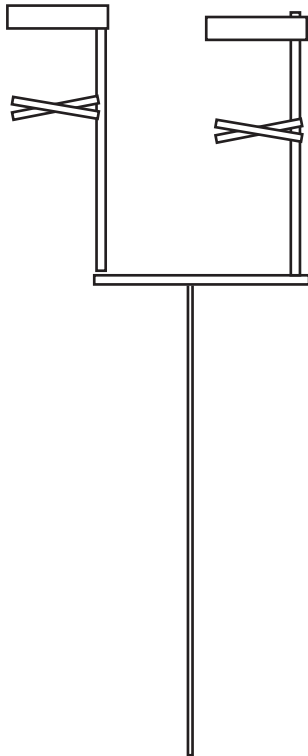
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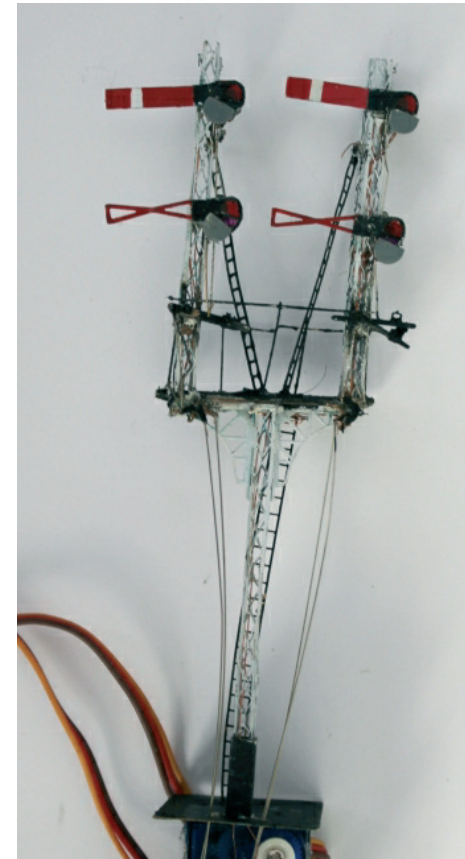
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James E. Petts

From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Mon 14 Apr at 20:12

Dear Stephen,

I took delivery of the signals to-day: thank you for sending that. My space is limited at present and I am not able to unpack all of them. Can I check whether you had included the finials, and, if so, where in the packaging that they were? Thank you;

yours sincerely

James.

On 12/04/2025 13:40, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Royal Mail; collected them yesterday 48 hours tracked, I didn't want them trying to deliver over the weekend when I presume nobody is there.

TQ777596169GB

Stephen Freeman

[My Website](#)

[My Youtube Channel](#)

On 11/04/2025 12:16, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

can I check when I can expect these to arrive? I have not received them in work yet. If you have sent them, I should be grateful if you could let me have the tracking information. Thank you;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 01/04/2025 07:24, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Good Morning,

Money has arrived, so I will be busy packing signals.

Thanks

Stephen Freeman

[My Website](#)

[My Youtube Channel](#)

On 30/03/2025 21:56, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

thank you for that and the information about the signals controlling entry to the carriage sidings - that is most helpful. I have now scheduled the payment, which is due to be made on the 1st of April. I should be grateful if you could let me know when you receive it;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 29/03/2025 14:41, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Yes you are correct, the outstanding balance is £3,741.64 and my account details remain unchanged. I will have to check on the other PC about the two home signals, which could be a bit of problem, hopefully I can find the details but I had a problem with the computer a few months ago and some files got corrupted, fortunately not the main drive.

I will go upstairs now and have a look.

Stephen Freeman

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On 29/03/2025 12:49, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

thank you for that: that is helpful. The signals do appear in accordance with the original plan: thank you for annotating the plan with the photographs, which helps me to relate the signals to the plans.

Can I check that I understand correctly that the outstanding balance now payable is £3,741.64? Can I also check whether your account details are the same as the previous occasion on which I made the deposit payment?

As for shipping, I should be grateful if you could send these to my work address, as I live alone and am often not home during the daytime, which is:

Ten Old Square,
Lincoln's Inn,
London,
WC2A 3SU.

One query if I may regarding the home signals: I seem to have misplaced the e-mails regarding the conversation about how these would be used. I notice that the final design has

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two different home arms. Can you remind me what each of these do? I understand the function of the main arm, the route indicator, and the small shunt ahead arm, but I cannot recall the function of the second large arm. I note that one of the signals originally had this marked with an "S" until you revised this as in your e-mail below.

Thank you again for your work on this;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 28/03/2025 16:51, Stephen Freeman wrote:

Just double checking something and I think one of the arms that has an S should be an ordinary stop arm. I have attached a copy of the final drawings with photos attached, now it may be that at the last minute it was decided to have an S but I think not. Anyway it will take me about 5 minutes to alter. It is on the next to last page.

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Subject: Signals

From: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>

Date: 18/04/2025, 09:41

To: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

Good Morning,

Sorry for not being in touch earlier but I have been busy with among other things these notes.

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Fri 18 Apr at 11:44

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Please could you let me know promptly where the finials are and also let me have instructions for attaching them. Thank you;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 25/03/2025 18:11, Stephen Freeman wrote:

photos are attached,took a little while.

Ground Signals:

There are 16 red, 2 yellow and 5 wrong line

bracket signals

3 large

1 small

4 with route indicator.

I don't think I have missed any

Finials are done but mounted as it is best to do this when installed. Until setting up the servos it is best to leave them unconnected until after they are powered up, some control boards might cause initial twitching until set up, though I attach pull-up resistors to mitigate this.

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2:35

I refer to recent correspondence (attached) to which I have not had the courtesy of any meaningful response, for which failure no explanation has ever been forthcoming. As set out in my e-mail to you on the 27th of April this year (attached), the signals that you supplied were incomplete, lacking finals, which are an essential prominent component of signals of this type. I was entitled to, and did, reject the goods on this account, that rejection coming into effect at 4.00 p.m. on the 5th day of May 2025.

The consequences of that are:

1. you are now obliged to pay to me the sum of £5,345.20, being a full refund for the price paid (as set out in the attached breakdown) by no later than 4.00 p.m. on the 19th day of May 2025; and
2. the goods are available for collection from me on reasonable notice at a mutually convenient time.

If I should not receive the sum of £5,345.20 in cleared funds by no later than 4.00 p.m. on the 19th day of May 2025, I reserve the right, without further notice, to present a statutory demand, which is the first step in the process of bankruptcy proceedings, and/or issue a claim in the County Court for the return of that sum. If it should be necessary to take either such step, then I will be entitled, in addition to the refund in full, to interest and costs.

The refund should be paid to me under the following bank details:

Account number: 47838949
Sort code: 60-04-53

I shall look forward to receiving payment in full by the 19th day of May 2025, failing which enforcement steps will be taken. **YOU SHOULD TAKE URGENT LEGAL ADVICE AS TO YOUR POSITION;**

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

Dear Stephen,

this appears to be a repeat of an e-mail that you have previously sent me and this does not address the e-mails that I have sent regarding the finials, and the rejection of the goods as a result of the absence of the finials and you not having responded to any of my e-mails about the finials.

I am becoming increasingly concerned at the lack of substantive response. I must remind you that the entire price that I paid will become due and owing from you to me on the date stipulated in my e-mail (attached for reference) for the rejection of the goods unless we should agree otherwise, and I will take any lawful steps necessary in order effectively to enforce this debt.

Please respond **URGENTLY** regarding the finials;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

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Main Signals

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- Unfortunately the servos are supplied with non-standard plugs very often, as in this case of 2 differing sizes.
- Additional plugs and wires are therefore needed
- Fortunately the wires coming from the servos themselves are of standard colours you just need to ensure they are plugged in the right way round as per usual, by following the colours from the servo to the plugs. Red Positive, Yellow (can look orange) signal and brown negative.
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- The resistors are soldered to the small PCB boards, the positive lead to the servo is soldered between the 2 resistors. Some of the pads have a 1k resistor fitted as well, see below.
- The wires from the lights are green for negative and red for positive, the colours are on the brass wire which is insulated but solderable. If you do get them the wrong way round, you won't damage them but they won't work.
- The lights need a 1k resistor for protection, most if not all are built in to the wiring on the signals but for safety sake an additional one will make little difference to the light output.
- LEDs are usually happy with 5vdc as supplied via the servo power leads but with the resistors in place 12vdc is also OK.
- You may wish to incorporate the wires for the lights with the servo power leads, to this end a number of the PCB pads have a 1k resistor incorporated.
- Having the lights on all the time may not be prototypical as depending on period the lights were not always on. Generally speaking, the later the period the more likely to be permanently on. Earlier times had a lampman or men going round on a daily basis making sure the oil was topped up and the light on or off as required. Increasing labour costs and improving technology meant a decline in this practice.
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Main Signals

All the arms tested and working as are the route indicators but the latter cannot really be seen without the back light being on.

The calling on arms (of which there are 4) have very small aspects and it can be very difficult to see any light coming through them from the lamp. It is possible to make the holes a little bigger to allow more light through but the size would then be bigger than it should be. Some things don't scale very well.

Lattice posts are also quite delicate and whilst not likely to be broken can be damaged if care is not taken or possibly in the post.

To help minimise the likelihood of damage each signal is in a plastic sleeve so that the bubble wrap does not get entangled with it and cause damage when unpacking.

Unfortunately it does sometimes happen that despite being adequately protected damage can occur.

Of course any such damage can be rectified if you return the offending item to me.

I hope that this covers everything but if there is anything else please let me know.

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Subject: Re: Finales
From: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>
Date: 08/05/2025, 14:48
To: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

Fitting the finials is simple, small amount of glue of your choice and just pop them into the top of the post, fairly obvious really.

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On 07/05/2025 17:53, James E. Petts wrote:

Dear Stephen,

as I explained in previous correspondence, I initially asked you where the finials were to which I received no response. I then looked for them and could not find them, told you so, and received no response to that. I also received no response to my request for instructions for how to fit them. I will look again this evening, but, due to the failure to respond over such a long period of time, that must be entirely without prejudice to my position as set out in previous correspondence. In the meantime, I still await the instructions as to how to fit the finials that I first requested a considerable time ago;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

On 07/05/2025 16:37, Stephen Freeman wrote:

If you cannot find the bag of finials, I will send you some more. As I explained previously they are supplied unfitted due to their propensity to breakage not just while in transport but also whilst fitting the signals in position.

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James E. Petts

From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Sat 10 May at 16:58

Dear Mr. Freeman,

thank you for your reply and apologies for not having been able to reply hitherto: I have been busy with various matters. Without prejudice to my already exercised right to reject the goods, can you elaborate on what specific steps that you envisage being taken fully to resolve all the issues with the signals documented in my previous e-mail and the videos. Can I check whether you have watched the videos?

I am afraid that I do not have the skills to carry out minute adjustments, nor the knowledge to understand precisely what minute adjustments may need to be carried out, nor the time to acquire that knowledge - I understood that I was ordering fully working signals that would only need to be installed into the baseboards, connected to a servo controller and the servos adjusted electronically. If you can document clearly and completely specific, straightforward steps that will in fact fully resolve each and every one of the issues that exist with the signals so that all of them work fully and have an acceptable appearance (whether or not those steps involve some of the signals being returned to you for further work), then (entirely without prejudice to the rejection of the goods that I have already made, and fully reserving my position at this stage), I will consider rescinding the rejection. What cannot be accepted, however, is the risk that, even if attempts are made to make adjustments, they will not be adequate and/or the signals will not work fully or look acceptable, and by that time the right to reject will have been lost.

If you would like to attempt to resolve matters such that I can have fully working signals and you can retain the price paid, are you prepared to extend the deadline for rejecting the goods so that we can have a period during which we try to resolve the issues and, if we cannot resolve them in the end, I still retain the right to reject them?

Yours sincerely

James E. Petts

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I did say say that when I tested them they all worked without problem. Sometimes these things can move about and go out of adjustment in the post. Fairly easy to resolve either by yourself or myself if necessary.

Sometimes life gets too complicated and I don't have time to deal with things.

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Subject: signals

From: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>

Date: 12/05/2025, 10:54

To: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

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From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Tue 13 May at 22:46

Dear Mr. Freeman,

thank you for your constructive suggestion: this is helpful. Apologies for not having been able to respond earlier: I have been very busy at work. Before I decide whether to proceed in the way that you suggest, I have several queries.

First of all, can you give me a little more information about the control boards? I need to make sure that these will be compatible with the hardware and software that I will be using to run the layout. Secondly, one of the problems, I think, is that the signals were not well packed for transit and have sustained damage as a result. I do not think that that is the only problem, but I suspect that, for example, the loose post atop one of the brackets may have been caused in this way. If I were to send the signals back in the same way in which they were sent to me, I am concerned that more damage may be done. Are you content (1) to remedy any such additional damage as may be caused in return transit; and (2) to pack them in a way less liable to cause damage when they be next sent? Thirdly, I am aware of the fact that building the signals took considerably longer than estimated. Can you give me a definite timescale for remedying the issues? Fourthly, can I confirm that the remedy will include the cosmetic issues, such as the green bloom on at least one of the signals (pictured in the attached)?

Finally, if you will be fitting control boards, I think that I had better send all the signals back, including the ground signals, and then require videos of each of them working fully with their control boards before accepting delivery of them for hopefully the last time. I should be grateful if you could confirm that this is your understanding of how the process will work.

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yours sincerely

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From: Stephen Freeman <stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com>

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To: "James E. Petts" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

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James E. Petts

From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Sat 17 May at 18:29

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James E. Petts

From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Sat 24 May at 22:01

Dear Mr. Freeman,

I notice that I have not heard further from you in response to my inquiries of the 13th of May 2025 about your proposed solution, including by way of any response to my reply to the below e-mail asking when I may be likely to hear in relation to a response.

I should remind you that I have rejected the goods and the full sum paid is now due and owing. That may be abrogated only by further express agreement between us, which agreement has not been forthcoming and looks increasingly unlikely to be forthcoming.

I should let you know that I met an alternative signal builder at a model railway exhibition this afternoon who is able to produce custom etches and who charges a similar price to that which you charged; he is likely to be able to build working replacement signals for my layout in the event that you do not fully remedy all of the faults on the signals that you supplied in a manner as may be agreed between us.

In the circumstances, unless we have reached a fully concluded agreement in writing (including as to all the details to which I referred in my e-mail on the 13th of May 2025) as to how fully to remedy the situation within a reasonable time by no later than close of business on the 30th day of May 2025, then I will be commencing legal proceedings to recover the full sum paid, plus interest under Section 69 of the County Courts Act 1984 at 8% per annum, and plus legal costs.

I hope that this makes matters clear beyond any possible doubt;

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31st day of May 2025

LETTER OF CLAIM

Dear Mr. Freeman,

this letter is written pursuant to paragraph 6(a) of the Practice Direction on pre-action conduct (https://www.justice.gov.uk/courts/procedure-rules/civil/rules/pd_pre-action_conduct#6.1). **You should take urgent legal advice as to your position.**

On the 12th day of October 2010, I ordered from you a number of bespoke working model railway signals (“the Signals” hereinafter) as more particularly set out in an invoice in the form of an Excel spreadsheet with the file name “PETTSindicatorsworkingfinal – 8.xls”, a copy of which is appended hereto. The total agreed price for the Signals was £5,345.20, comprising a deposit of £1,603.56 and a balance on completion of £3,741.64 (“the Contract” hereinafter).

At all material times, you have acted as a trader and I have acted as a consumer. Accordingly, **Part I** of the **Consumer Rights Act 2015** applies to the Contract.

Pursuant to **Section 9** of the **Consumer Rights Act 2015**, it was an implied term of the Contract that the Signals be of satisfactory quality. Pursuant to **Section 10** of the **Consumer Rights Act 2015** it was an implied term of the Contract that the Signals be fit for the purpose for which I had made known to you in advance of the conclusion of the contract for which that they were intended, viz. installation and use as working model signals on a model railway layout.

On the 14th day of April 2025, the Signals were delivered, payment of the balance having duly been made on the 1st day of April 2025.

In breach of the said implied terms, the Signals were not fit for the purpose which had been made known to you, nor of satisfactory quality, in that:

1. many of the signal arms are too stiff to move using the wires or otherwise are incapable of moving in response to pressure or tension on the wires which connect to the servos for the purposes of operating the signals;
2. one signal post on a bracket is loose;
3. some of the wires connecting the arms are detached;
4. some of the ladders are detached, loose or warped;
5. one of the wires connecting into the Annetts box (one of the parts of many of the signals used for displaying the number of the platform to which the train had been routed) detached

on being moved gently in testing, using forces the same as or similar to that which would be exerted by a servo in use; and

6. the paint finish is poor in a number of places (the white in some cases not fully concealing what I presume to be grey primer beneath, the black is chipped in some cases and in others coated at the bases with what appears to be a shiny substance, and there is a green discolouration over a large area of what ought to be white paintwork on at least one signal).

The said defects are documented in some videos which I recorded of the signals a link to which was sent to you by e-mail on the 7th day of May 2025. The link is here: <https://gofile.me/2QCN9/uCgta8RQx> and the videos remain available to view.

On the 27th day of April 2025 and again on the 7th day of May 2025, I wrote to you by e-mail exercising my right to reject the Signals pursuant to **Section 20(5)** and **Section 22** of the **Consumer Rights Act 2015**.

Accordingly, pursuant to **Section 20(15)** of the **Consumer Rights Act 2015**, a refund of the full price of £5,345.20 became due and owing on, at the very latest, the 21st day of May 2025, being 14 days after the 7th day of May 2025. To date, no payment has been received.

On the 12th day of May 2025, you wrote to me by e-mail offering to repair the Signals. On the 13th day of May 2025, I replied with some queries regarding the detail of what you proposed, but making clear that I was not agreeing to what you proposed before I had answers to those queries.

No responses to those queries has ever been received. No explanation has ever been given for the failure to respond. No agreement has in fact been reached that you repair the signals, and my original rejections of the 27th day of April and 7th day of May 2025 stand, and accordingly the full sum of £5,345.20 remains due and owing.

Should the said payment be not made in full within 14 days of the date of this letter, I reserve the right to commence court proceedings without further notice. Any proceedings would, in addition to the sum of £5,345.20, claim (1) interest at the rate of 8% per annum from the 21st day of May 2025 pursuant to **Section 69** of the **County Courts Act 1984**; and (2) costs pursuant to Rule 27.14 of the Civil Procedure Rules.

The Signals are available for collection pursuant to **Section 20(7)(b)** of the **Consumer Rights Act 2015** on reasonable notice.

Please make any payment to my bank account with the Nat. West. Bank with sort code 60-04-53 and account number 47838949.

You should take urgent legal advice as to your position.

I trust that this puts matters entirely beyond doubt, and shall look forward to receiving the refund in full within 14 days;

yours sincerely

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Email: stephen.r.freeman@gmail.com

18 June, 2025

Dear Mr Petts,

I made you a very good offer of ensuring that that all the signals work with Servo Control Boards as you would wish (I will supply videos of them doing so), that I will supply free of charge. All that is needed is for you to return the signals to me to have this further work done free of charge, I can send you a label to cover the postage which you will only need to print out and attach to the box, the Royal Mail will then collect it and return to me.

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James E. Petts

From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Mon 23 Jun at 16:03

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Dear Mr. Freeman,

I write with reference to your letter dated the 18th day of June 2025, which I have received within the last few minutes (copy attached for reference). This answers some, but not all, of my basic queries sent on the 13th of May 2025 (perhaps most importantly regarding a fixed and reasonable time within which the work is to be done). No explanation has ever been given as to why it took you from the 13th of May 2025 to the 18th of June 2025 to answer such basic queries, nor why they have not all been answered fully.

In the circumstances, I simply cannot trust that you will do as you say, nor that, even if you do, it will be done within any sensible period of time, nor that the work will be done to an acceptable standard. You will have received my e-mail of earlier to-day regarding your deadline for a substantive response to the claim, which deadline (and the consequences for failing to meet it) remains unaltered;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

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Frankly this whole thing is just ridiculous and a waste of the courts time.

- 1) I have never refused to give him a refund
- 2) He has not returned the goods to me, he still has them
- 3) Surely it is Common Law that in order to be entitled to a refund the goods have to be returned first? Every other instance such as buying from Amazon or whoever, you have to return the goods first.
- 4) It is not in doubt that the signals are damaged. I did check them before sending them but these things happen.
- 5) I have offered to make good any repairs that are necessary if they are returned even at my own cost, furthermore the signals were commissioned to be in the state of being ready to be connected to the servos and programmed as requested by the customer. Connecting them to the servos and programming them is not straightforward. So at no additional cost as a measure of goodwill I offered to do this for him Also providing video evidence that they are working.. He has apparently refused this but still retains the signals.
- 6) He has three alternatives, he can retain the signals and regard the matter closed, return the signals for repair etc as per the offer or return them for a refund.
- 7) If he has decided that he must have a refund, he will have to return them to me, then he will have the problem of finding alternative signals. Of course ready-made items are available but non are available that will meet his requirements. He will therefore have to commission them to be built by someone else. Good luck with, there are very few who might be able or willing to do this for him. I don't think he has thought this through properly.

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  Sat 12 Jul at 14:11 

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Sorry for not being in touch earlier but I have been busy with among other things these notes.

Wires on Nano servos

Unfortunately the servos are supplied with non-standard plugs very often as in this case of 2 differing sizes.
 Additional plugs and wires are therefore needed
 Fortunately the wires coming from the servos themselves are of standard colours you just need to ensure they are plugged in the right way round as per usual.
 Nano servos have a lower voltage requirement than standard 9g ones, in fact they can be damaged if exposed to 5vdc. Therefore it is necessary to reduce the voltage by means of two resistors
 The resistors are soldered to the small PCB boards, the positive lead to the servo is soldered between the 2 resistors. Some of the pads have a 1k resistor fitted as well, see below.
 The wires from the lights are green for negative and red for positive, the colours are on the brass wire which is insulated but solderable.
 The lights need a 1k resistor for protection, most if not all are built in to the wiring on the signals but for safety sake an additional one will make little difference to the light output.
 You may wish to incorporate the wires for the lights with the servo power leads, to this end a number of the PCB pads have a 1k resistor incorporated.
 Having the lights on all the time may not be prototypical as depending on period the lights were not always on. Generally speaking, the later the period the more likely to be permanently on. Earlier times had a lampman or men going round on a daily basis making sure the oil was topped up and the light on or off as required. Increasing labour costs and improving technology meant a decline in this practice.
 I haven't fitted pull-up resistors, these may be necessary but depends on the control board, some have them built in. If required a 10k resistor fitted between positive and control signal wires can be used. The purpose of these is to reduce or eliminate any twitch on startup. This is the reason, the operating wires/rods should not be connected to the servo before powering up for the first time. If you did do this, the control board and servo will take time to establish a stable connection which result in severe twitching and probable damage. If there is any twitching after an initial setting then pull-up resistors (in rare cases pull-down ones) will help to remove it. In any case the person setting the servos will probably be aware of all this.

The servos are mounted using a hot glue gun, I find the grip is generally adequate but if they do break loose it is any easy job to refit. Plus the fact that if one of them fails it is much easier to take off.

Fixing the signals in a hole is generally achieved by either a push fit or the use of pinning through holes in the signal bases

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Stephen Freeman
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James E. Petts

From: jamespetts@yahoo.com

To: Stephen Freeman

Wed 20 Aug at 10:43

Dear Mr. Freeman,

as you will know, the claim brought against you was due to have a mediation this morning. For reasons which you have not explained, you failed to attend the mediation. I have just been contacted by the mediator, both by telephone and, as below in writing, stating that he could not get hold of you and, as a result, the mediation has been cancelled.

As the e-mail below states, the court can take into account your unexplained failure to attend the mediation when deciding what order to make, including as to costs. In the circumstances, I reserve the right to ask the court at the trial to make an order against you pursuant to [CPR R. 27.14\(2\)\(g\)](#) (costs against a party who has behaved unreasonably) as a consequence of your unexplained failure to attend the mediation this morning. If the court were to do so, the court would have the power to award much more in the way of costs against you than would usually be available on the small claims track.

You should take urgent legal advice as to your position.

I hope that this makes matters clear beyond doubt. I reserve the right to refer to this communication at trial;

yours sincerely

James E. Petts

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Subject:IMPORTANT: Small Claims Mediation Service. Claim Ref NO: M2QZ8W34
Date:Wed, 20 Aug 2025 09:37:02 +0000
From:scmreferrals <scmreferrals@Justice.gov.uk>

Dear Sir/Madam

Claim Reference: M2QZ8W34

Small claims mediation service appointment outcome

Status: not conducted

The mediation appointment did not go ahead because one or more parties did not attend.

Important action needed

The mediation for the claim you are involved in was due to take part today. One or more of the parties involved in the case did not attend the appointment, so this has been marked as **Not Conducted**.

What this means

Penalties may now be applied to the parties who did not attend their mediation appointment. The claim has been updated to show that mediation has not taken place and it will now proceed to a court hearing. The judge may apply a penalty. This could include automatically ruling in the other party's favour, or ordering the party that did not attend mediation to pay for some or all of the other party's legal or court costs (even if the judgment overall is in favour of the non-compliant party).

Judges will be able to take mitigating circumstances into account when deciding whether to apply penalties for non-attendance.

What you need to do

If you did not attend the mediation appointment

You can [tell the court](#) why you did not attend your appointment. You can do this in writing before the hearing or on the day. The judge will take your reasons into account when deciding if penalties should be applied. You must tell the court, and not the mediation service, as the claim is now with the court.

If you attended the mediation appointment

There is no further action needed. If you spoke with the mediator during your scheduled appointment window, the outcome of mediation will take your willingness to engage into account.

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What happens next

The next step is attending a court hearing. The court will send you a date for the hearing within the next 6 months.

If you wish, you can continue to try to settle the case with the other party out of court up until the date of the hearing. If you can settle out of court, you will not need to attend the hearing.

Kind regards,

Dave Jones

Small Claims Mediation Service

Phone: 0300 123 4593

Email scmreferrals@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk

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Subject: M2QZ8W34 - Second Party Offer Judicial Mediation

From: scmreferrals <scmreferrals@Justice.gov.uk>

Date: 15/09/2025, 13:57

To: "jamespetts@yahoo.com" <jamespetts@yahoo.com>

Good afternoon,

We are contacting you regarding the above case in which the Civil National Courts has recently deemed that this case may be suitable for mediation.

We have been contacted by the other party who have confirmed interest in mediation for this case. If you would also like to participate in mediation, please contact our team and confirm, we will then arrange for an appointment to be booked. The Small Claims Mediation Team can be contacted on 0300 123 4593 or by email at scmreferrals@justice.gov.uk

Mediation is a free service that can help resolve money disputes without the need for a court hearing. Your mediation appointment can, if already set, run alongside your hearing date and will not add any additional delay to your claim. We have added a link below to our video which provides more information on the Small Claims Mediation Service.

[What is small claims mediation? \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Please ensure you have viewed the video explaining the important requirements that are needed.

If a hearing date has already been set, please continue to follow any directions from the local County Court. If you have any queries about the directions, please contact the local County Court directly.

The following link can be used to find the contact details for that court.

<https://www.gov.uk/find-court-tribunal>

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further assistance.

Small Claims Mediation, St Katharine's House, 21-27 St Katharine's Street, Northampton, NN1 2LH

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