# C2C route – recent performance

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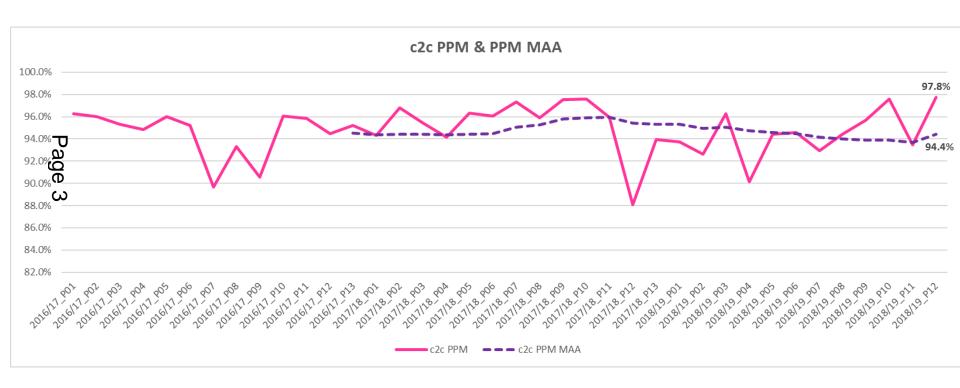


# Recent Performance

- Nationally in top 3 train operators since 1994
- Last 5 months poor compared to historic performance of last 20 years or more
- Particularly Infrastructure
- External caused events increasing too
- · 3 key areas:
  - Signalling & Power systems
  - Track
  - Externally caused events

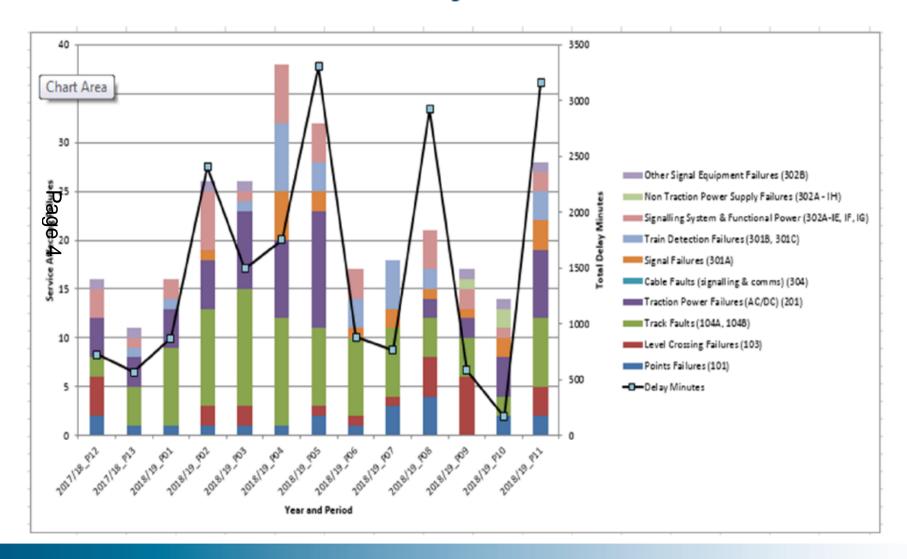


#### c2c PPM & PPM MAA for the last 3 Years:



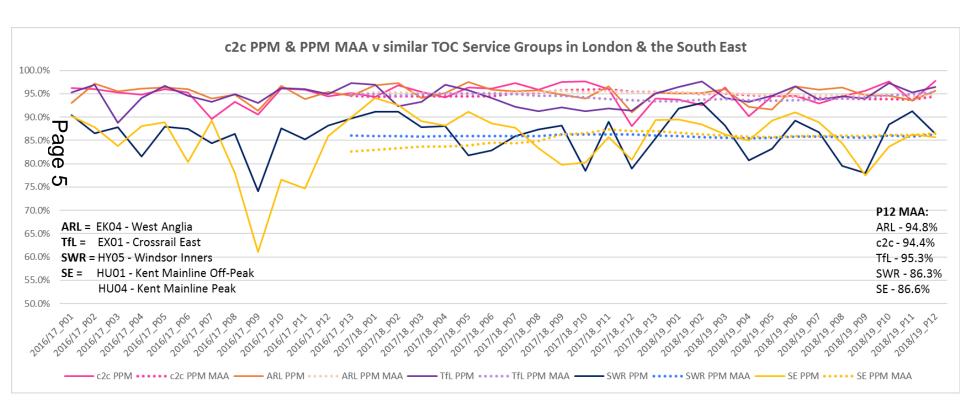


#### Thameside SAF v Delay Minutes YTD



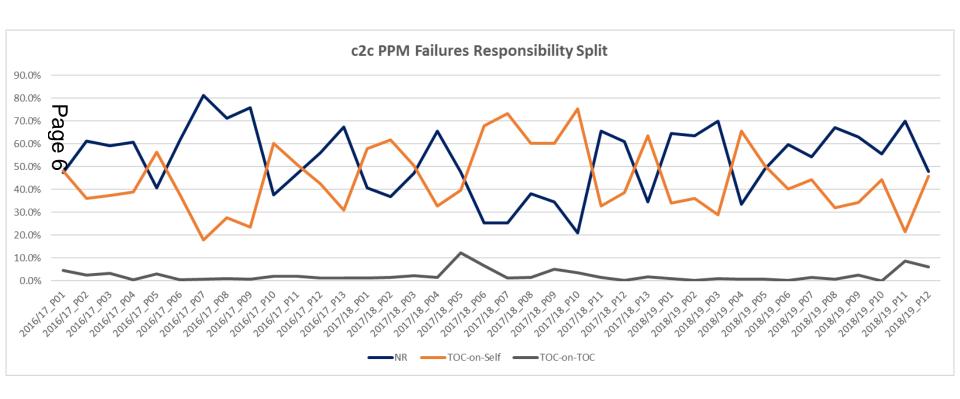


#### c2c PPM comparison:



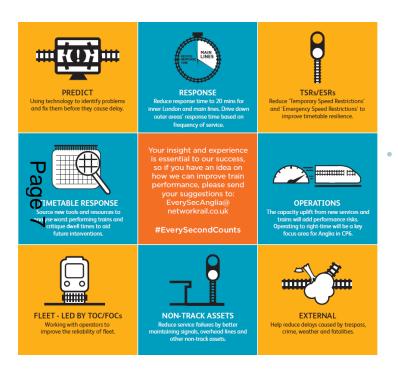


#### c2c PPM Failures Responsibility Split last 3 years:





#### **Actions**

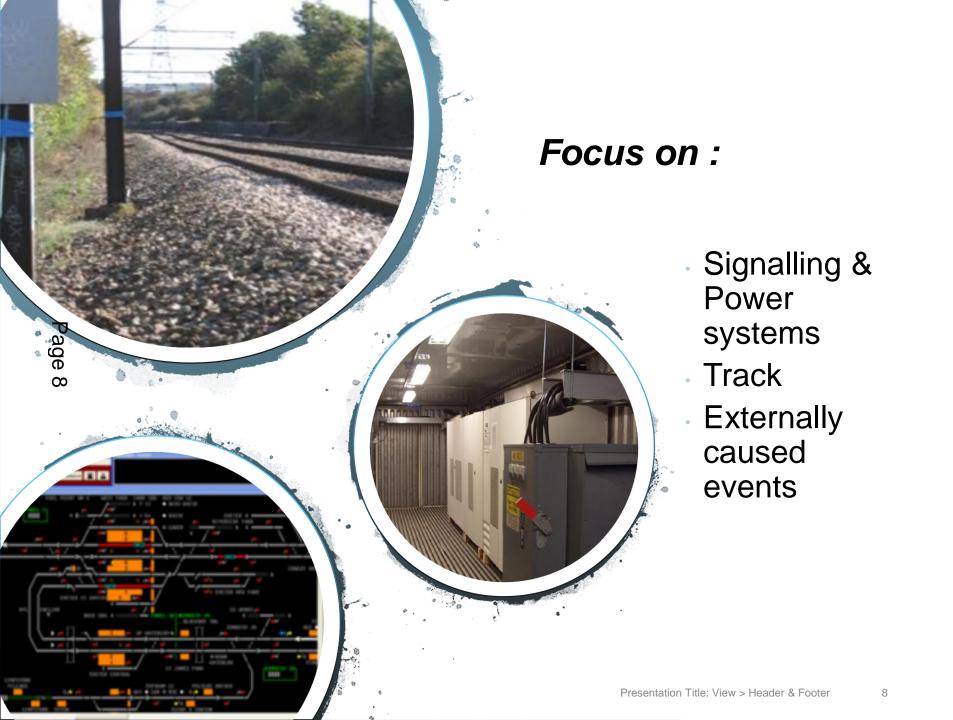


#### **Every Second Counts**

Relentless focus on the detail of performance

#### Focus on:

- Signalling & Power systems
- Track
- Externally caused events



# Handling disruption and station investment programme

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# Handling disruption - background

- ► Top priority is to avoid disruption in the first place
- Our contingency options are limited during disruption:
  - Only one track in each direction for vast majority of route
  - Single line through Chafford and Ockendon with one passing point
  - District Line and GA are possible alternatives but not for Thurrock
- Both handling disruption and communication are industry-wide challenges and we all struggle to meet modern expectations:
  - c2c customer satisfaction stands at 40% for handling disruption versus 36% industry average
  - Usefulness of information about the delay scores 54% on c2c versus 41% industry average

### Handling disruption – successes

We have made good progress in past 18 month addressing some of the issues that prevent us communicating well:

- Better pre-planning for incidents
  - We now have 13 pre-prepared plans that Control can deploy off-the-shelf
  - Simplifiers for our staff help them understand and communicate plans
- Improved use of digital channels to communicate to customers
  - New website displays information more effectively with automatic updates
  - Twitter allows mass communication of broad advice instantly
  - We publish post-incident events on our website to help customers understand what happened, its impact – and how to claim compensation
- ▶ £25k investment in new radios to improve information flow

# Handling disruption — challenges

We know there are still areas that require improvement:

- Incidents are very fast-moving
  - Chain of communication can be too slow
  - Customers can often be better informed than staff on platforms
  - Drivers are dependent on information from the signaller
- Some of our necessary decisions are unpopular with those directly affected
  - Queuing outside Fenchurch Street to limit crowding inside
  - Reserving carriages for Limehouse and West Ham
  - Cancelling trains before they enter the core during disruption

# Station investment programme

- ▶ £17m route-wide investment programme started in late 2018
- Thurrock stations benefitting from major investment by both c2c and other partners:
  - Ockendon: Capacity upgrade project started January with new station and platform entrances, new ticket office and improved waiting facilities
  - Grays: Ticket office refurbishment project underway
  - Chafford Hundred: Capacity upgrade project scheduled for late 2019
  - Stanford-le-Hope: Joint project for new station led by Thurrock BC
  - Purfleet: Joint project for new station led by developer
  - Light-touch refresh programmes for East Tilbury and Tilbury Town next year

Investment in other stations also benefits Thurrock residents

 Fenchurch Street refurbishment; Barking re-design to relieve crowding; Longterm possible improvements to West Ham?

# **Questions**