



# Requesting a Pilot

If you are asked to do a move and are unsure or unfamiliar with it, you are within your rights to refuse to do it without an appropriate pilot to guide you through the move.

The Rulebook states *'If you do not have a full working route knowledge of any section of the line over which your train is to work, you must request the assistance of a pilot.'*

This could be on any section of the line, such as a depot move in Neasden, SMD or Stanmore sidings or elsewhere.

Management on this line are disciplining people for errors made traversing routes they may be unfamiliar with, so don't chance it. If you aren't sure demand a pilot.

A screenshot of a document titled '2.6 Pilots'. The section number '2.6' is in blue, and the title 'Pilots' is in a blue box. There are two entries: 'Train operator' and 'Pilot'. The 'Train operator' entry states that if you do not have a full working route knowledge of any section of the line over which your train is to work, you must request the assistance of a pilot. The 'Pilot' entry lists requirements: you must have a full working knowledge of the section of line over which the train is to work, understand the meaning of all signals, and be competent and fully licensed. It also lists information that must be given to the train operator: signals, gradients, curves, and speed restrictions.

**2.6 Pilots**

**Train operator** If you do not have a full working route knowledge of any section of the line over which your train is to work, you must request the assistance of a pilot.

**Pilot** You must:

- have a full working knowledge of the section of line over which the train is to work
- understand the meaning of all signals
- be competent and fully licensed.

You must give the train operator the necessary information regarding:

- signals
- gradients
- curves
- speed restrictions.

Figure 1: This is a screenshot from Rule Book 6, issue 6