

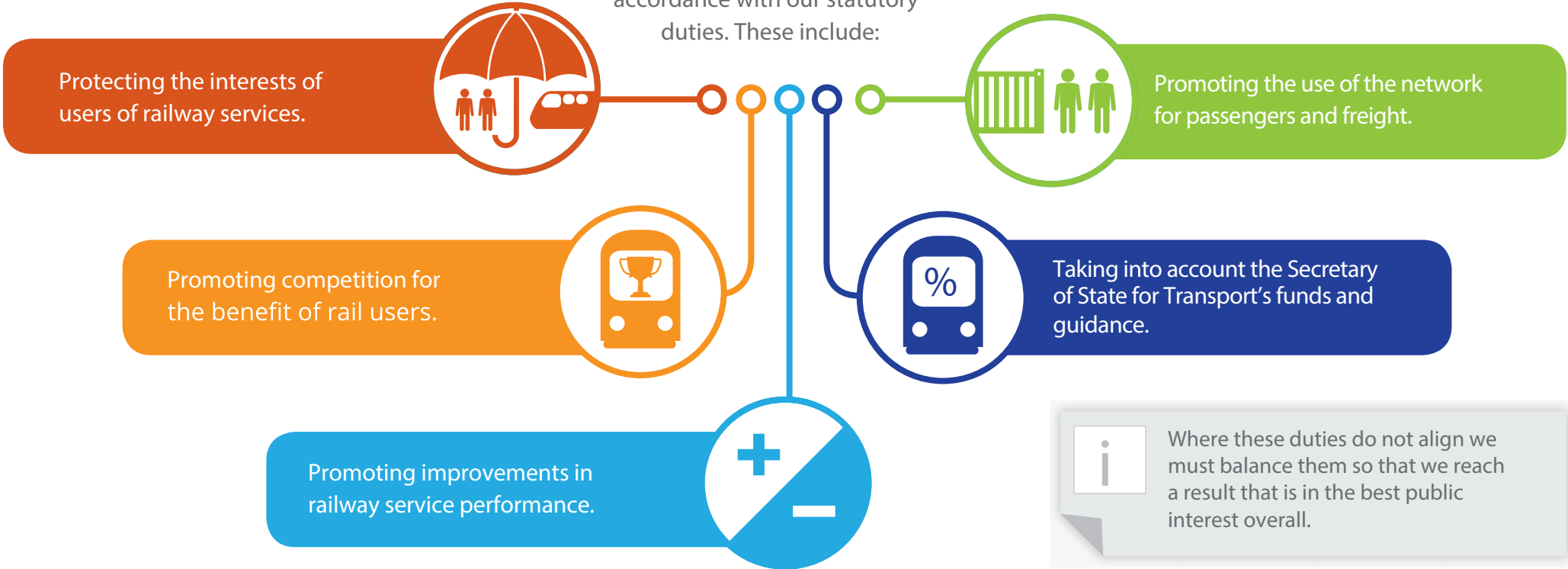
How We Make Decisions On Track Access

If a railway operator wants to run trains on the rail network, it must seek the Office of Rail and Road's approval for a track access agreement with Network Rail.



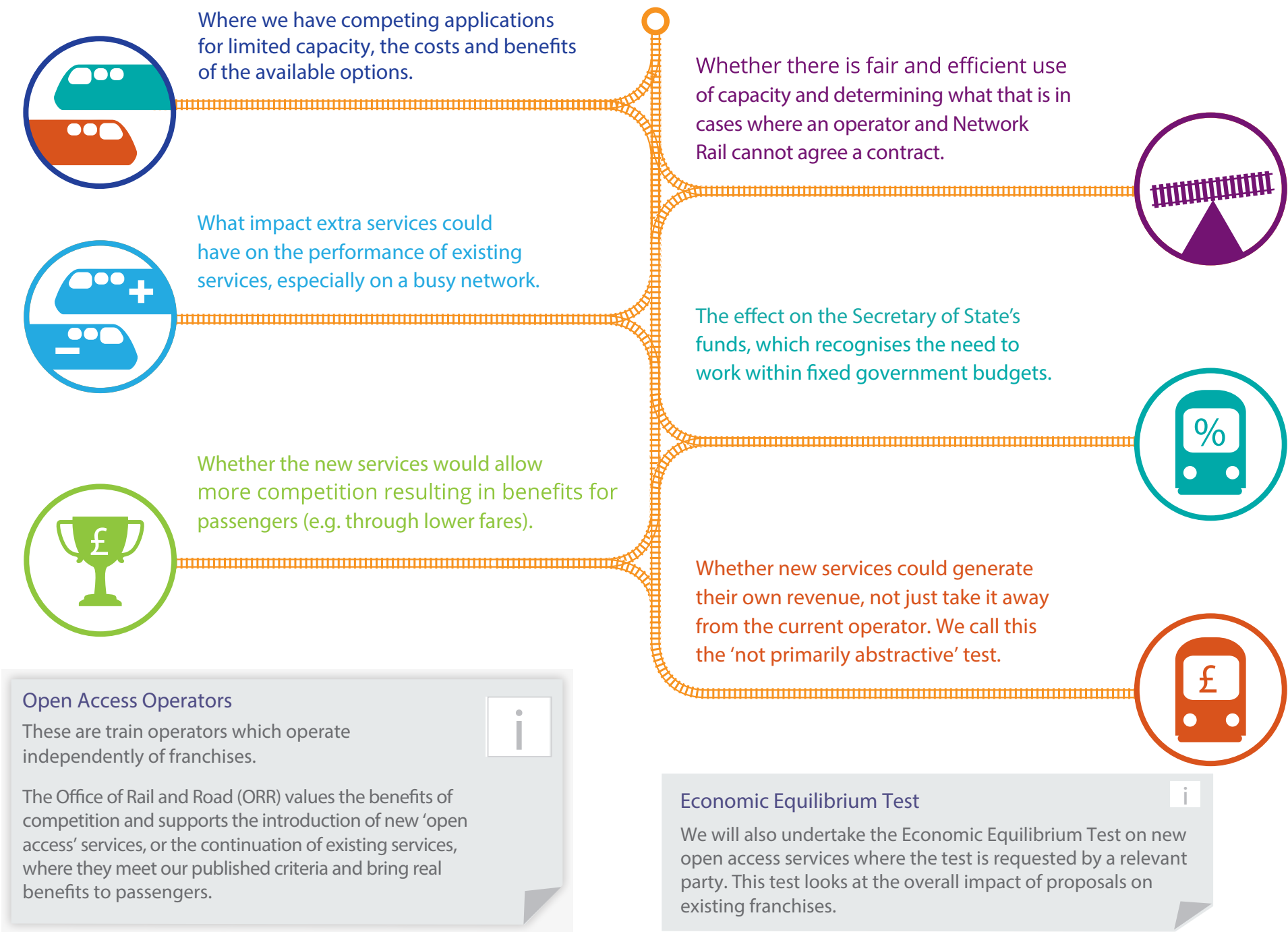
How do we make our decisions on track access?

When we consider track access applications, we must do so in accordance with our statutory duties. These include:



What factors do we consider when making track access decisions?

We look at the following things before we grant approval:



Economic Equilibrium Test

We will also undertake the Economic Equilibrium Test on new open access services where the test is requested by a relevant party. This test looks at the overall impact of proposals on existing franchises.