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Dear Suzanne and Derek

**Approval of the 20th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Trenitalia c2c Limited (trading as c2c) dated 3 March 2017**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 16 April 2024 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to grant c2c the rights necessary to operate its June 2024 timetable bid. This involves the revision of the Peak morning timetable, with the addition of two services in the Laindon service group. The off-peak services will also be increased to provide 4 trains per hour, from the 2 trains per hour that ran during the December 2023 timetable. The rights are to commence on the Subsidiary Change Date in June 2024 and will expire on the Expiry Date or earlier termination of c2c's track access contract.

**Industry consultation**

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. No queries or concerns were raised.



## **ORR review**

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. We identified some minor drafting issues and these were resolved before we invited formal submission.

## **Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision**

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; in particular, those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

## **Conformed copy of the track access agreement**

Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

## **Public register and administration**

Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to the Department for Transport and Network Rail's Policy and Access Team. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website) and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

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