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Dear Richard,

### **Long Term Planning Process**

I am writing to confirm that we endorse your proposal to discharge licence condition 1.14 of the Network Licence to maintain the suite of RUSs, set out in your letter dated 27 February 2012. You proposed to implement a new long term planning process.

It is important for this work to be carried out in time for the periodic review in 2018. We expect that your timelines to achieve this will be published and updated on your website so that stakeholders can see when work will be completed and consulted upon. We do not intend to regulate the timeline but you intend to report against it to the Rail Industry Planning Group.

We are not currently planning to issue specific guidance to you, but we will review this as the process develops.

We received a letter from Railfuture who commented on wider issues rather than the process. This has been sent to you as it may be useful as you start the programme of market studies.

I am placing a copy of this letter on the ORR web site.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Larkinson', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

**John Larkinson**



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