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22 November 2017

Approval and Directions to Deed of Amendment and Novation to the Connection Contract at Worcester Shrub Hill Depot.

Pursuant to sections 18 and 22 of the Railways Act 1993, I direct and approve (as appropriate) the entry into the deed of novation of the connection contract for Worcester Shrub Hill Depot dated 11 November 2007, currently between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and London & Birmingham Railway Limited, in the form submitted to ORR on 13 November 2017.

Accordingly, I direct Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and West Midlands Trains Limited to enter into the proposed connection agreement by **10 December 2017**.

The amendments approved and directed upon are amendments which have the effect set out in the attached deed of novation.

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Duly authorised by the Office of Rail and Road

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