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Dear Guy,

RE: Timetable enhancements - December 2015 & May 2016

Thank you for your email dated 5^{th} February. The purpose of this letter is to respond to your comments.

I note your concerns in relation to fewer northbound fast trains stopping at Berwick upon Tweed. Virgin Trains East Coast (VTEC) believes that this will be overall positive for both London <> Edinburgh customers in terms of reduced journey times, but also to Berwick customers as they will benefit from improved connectivity at more stations along the East Coast Main Line, whilst maintaining the same quantum of services between Berwick and London.

In terms of reducing the station dwell at Edinburgh for the new 0525 Sterling extension, we are working with Scotrail on this issue as we share your aspiration for reduced dwell for this service.

Yours sincerely

Phil Dawson

Regulation & Track Access Manager

cc Mark Garner, Network Rail David Reed, ORR