Sixty-Seventh supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Stagecoach South Western Trains Limited

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 16 March 2017.

2. This agreement converts two Contingent Rights (a Saturday service from Portsmouth Harbour to Southampton Central and a Saturday service from Basingstoke to Southampton Central) granted under the General Approval in December 2016 to Firm Rights up to the expiry of the Contract.

3. Network Rail undertook a 28 day industry consultation ending on 10 March 2017 with two responses from Arrival Rail London and Transport Focus offering no objections.

4. We reviewed the application and had no objections to the parties’ proposal. We noted some minor drafting issues which were put to the parties. They accepted our suggestions and amended the agreement accordingly.

5. 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. ORR’s copy should be sent for my attention.
6. In accordance with section 72 of the Act, we will place a copy of the approval notice and the agreement on our public register. Copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at the Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

Michael Albon