A connection contract at Abbey Wood between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Rail for London (Infrastructure) Limited (RfL(I))

Pursuant to section 18 of the Railways Act 1993, I approve the terms of the proposed access contract (being a track connection contract) submitted to the Office of Rail and Road (ORR) on 13 December 2018, relating to the connection at Abbey Wood.

I further hereby direct you, Network Rail and RfL(I), in your respective capacities as facility owners and beneficiary, to enter into the proposed access contract with each other on the terms agreed no later than 8 February 2019.

You shall be released from the duty to enter into the contract in question if:

1. either of you, in the capacity of facility owner, gives ORR notice of an objection pursuant to section 18(7)(c)(i) of the Railways Act 1993 before the expiration of a period fourteen days beginning with the day after the day on which these directions are issued; or

2. either of you, in the capacity of beneficiary, fails to enter into the proposed access contract by no later than 8 February 2019.

Gordon Herbert
Duly authorised by the Office of Rail and Road