A connection contract at Clapham Light Maintenance Depot (LMD) between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and First MTR South Western Trains Limited (First SWT)

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 5 July 2017, relating to the connection at Clapham LMD.

I further hereby direct you, Network Rail and First SWT, in your respective capacities as facility owner, to enter into the proposed access contract with the other of you, in the capacity of beneficiary, on the terms agreed no later than 19 August 2017.

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 the date which is no later than 19 August 2017.

GORDON HERBERT

Duly authorised by the Office of Rail and Road