

Amanda Harding
Transport Scotland
By e-mail

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Dear Amanda,

Industry Consultation: GNER West Yorkshire Services Section 17

Thank you for your response; this is Alliance Rail Holdings' (Alliance) response on behalf of GNER. For clarity GNER is a subsidiary company of Alliance Rail Holdings Ltd.

We note that your only comment relates to the impact of our proposals on cross border King's Cross to Edinburgh services. We understand the importance that speed can have particularly in relation to air travel and particularly for services between London and Edinburgh.

Alliance, as you are aware, has made an application to operate new high speed tilting services between London and Edinburgh. These services if approved will significantly improve on the publically procured services proposals to use the new Super Express Trains. In addition, we also will provide this without cost to the taxpayer. With this in mind please be assured that our West Yorkshire and Cleethorpes services will be planned as part of the 2016 recast to optimise the timetable.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Yeoward
Managing Director