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Dear Catherine and Tom

Seventeenth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited (GTR)

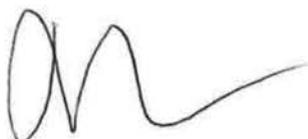
1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 3 May 2018.
2. The purpose of this agreement is to extend the access rights granted by the 16th supplemental agreement (general approval). That agreement allowed through Thameslink services to start calling at London Bridge for 90 days, expiring on 5 May 2018. This application extends those rights from that date until Subsidiary Change Date (SCD) 2018. The continuation of the rights from SCD 2018 form part of the application for the 14th Supplemental Agreement, currently being reviewed by ORR.
3. The usual 28 day industry consultation was undertaken by Network Rail, ending on 30 March 2018. No issues were raised.
4. Our own review did not identify any issues and we are satisfied that approval is in accordance with our statutory duties under section 4 of the Railways Act 1993. We made some comments regarding the drafting of the agreement and these were corrected in the formal submission.

3. In considering the agreement and in reaching our decision, we have had to weigh and strike the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act. We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement is consistent with our section 4 duties, in particular those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

4. 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.

5. Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

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