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To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the Office of Rail Regulations impending consulting on National Rails plans for the period of 2014-2019.

I would like to express a desire to see the following tangible upgrades delivered and in place by 2019:

- Real improvements to journey times and line on both the GEML and West Anglia Routes
- Additional track capacity just north of Chelmsford, ideally long loops parallel to the existing line in the vicinity of the proposed Beaulieu Park station
- Extension of the third track from Stratford to at least Angel Road and ideally Brimsdown on the West Anglia route

These schemes were highlighted as key priorities by the regional Stakeholders in the East Anglian Rail Prospectus

Benefits for our region in Essex –the Chelmsford loop are as follows

- A vital component of a sustainable new mixed-use development. It will provide train services for residents and workers, support future business activity around the station and existing business activity in Colchester Road, and relieve pressure on the central Chelmsford station.
- If this is linked to the proposal to three track lines northeast of Beaulieu Park towards Witham, then trains will be able to pass each other, leading to faster journey times and considerably more reliable train services.
- The station and Boreham Interchange together will comprise an important transport hub, which in turn, will stimulate investment and development in the area north east of the station

I would also like to advocate my support for the West Anglia “Three Tracking” scheme with regards to the journey time reductions on that route supported and justified by the economic benefits they should deliver.

Sincerely,

Anna McCormick

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