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22nd July 2024

Dear Jonathan,

Transport UK East Midlands Limited (“EMR”) response to Network Rail’s Representations on EMR’s 20th Supplemental Agreement

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Network Rail’s letter dated 28th June 2024 regarding EMR’s Section 22a application for the additional Sunday morning services on the Hope Valley from December 2025 (proposed 20th Supplemental Agreement to the Track Access Contract).

With this application there is no dependency on the ECML ESG decision. Also, at the time the service operates on a Sunday morning there are very few services on the network, in the locations Network Rail listed as interacting applications in Appendix B. It can therefore easily be determined not to affect the access rights other Operators are seeking.

In further discussions with Network Rail, it was believed there would be no impact on Spondon level crossing of one additional service a week, operating on a Sunday morning at a time of existing low utilisation.

In conclusion, it is noted that an unprecedented scale of access applications has been submitted following ORR’s letter of 24th April 2024. However, EMR is disappointed that Network Rail has been unable to consider its position on this application, and most importantly, Network Rail has failed to adequately provide the necessary and relevant information in this representation to support ORR review regarding EMR’s proposals in this application.

Yours sincerely,

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