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Dear Toni and Catherine,

Approval of the 97th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Transport UK East Anglia Limited (trading as Greater Anglia) dated 10 December 2004.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 29 November 2024 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to amend Greater Anglia's track access contract on three service groups EB03, EB06 and EB07 with minor changes to Schedule 5 and to add one additional access right extending Harwich Town to Harwich International. These changes will take effect from Principal Change Date 2024 until the end of the track access contract which is Subsidiary Change Date 2027.

The amendments are:

EB03 GE Outers

Minor reductions to train slots, correction of a typographical error (which does not confer any additional rights) and alteration of one PTS Harwich Town – Liverpool Street which becomes Harwich International – Liverpool Street.



EB06 West Anglia Outer

Minor reductions to train slots, alteration of stopping patterns (1 service Cambridge North – Liverpool Street semi fast becomes a stopping service), correction of a typographical error (which does not confer any additional rights) and amendments to footnotes.

EB07 West Anglia Inner

Correction of a typographical error in “Weekday” column. Does not confer any new rights as the number of rights is already correctly shown in the “Off peak times” column.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. Comments were received from Great Western Railway which had no objections. Transport Focus had no objections while London Travelwatch had a query about services from London Liverpool Street to Shenfield and London Liverpool Street to Stansted Airport. Network rail responded to the effect that this supplemental agreement had no impact on these services.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns.

Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; 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)).

Conformed copy of the track access agreement

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. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

Public register and administration

Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to the Department for Transport and Network Rail’s Policy and Access Team. Copies of the



approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website), and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

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