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Dear Catherine and Mark

Approval of the 96th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Arriva Rail London Limited (ARL) dated 9 November 2007

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 28 March 2025 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 grant ARL the firm rights necessary to operate an additional weekday service on the Weaver route between London Liverpool Street and Cheshunt. The right will come into effect from the Principal Change Date in December 2025 and will expire on the termination of ARL's track access contract in May 2027.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. Great Western Railway responded noting it had no objection to the proposals, and London TravelWatch welcomed the additional service.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational concerns. We identified some drafting issues when the proposal was submitted, and these were resolved when the agreement was formally submitted.

Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision

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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)).

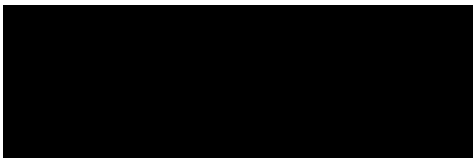
Conformed copy of the track access agreement

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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