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Sent: 13 July 2017 11:56 **To:** Satchwell Carew

Cc: James Carter; Ian Williams

Subject: Re: London Midland Proposed 5th Supplemental Agreement 0707e18

Carew,

Thank you for sending Transport Focus details of London Midland's 5th. supplemental agreement. They note that:

it seeks rights, from the PCD in December 2017 (Sunday 10/12), for these services between Learnington Spa and Coventry:

Mon. – Fri. 17 return trains SO 16 return trains SuO 13 return trains

the paths have been validated by Network Rail;

their impact on existing services' performance has been extensively modelled; work to manage their potential impact continues;

there will be a call at Kenilworth, which is due to be open by then;

other infrastructure changes - signalling and track - have to be completed in time;

the services will be operated by Class 153 DMUs;

the rights will apply until the PCD in 2018;

the service is part of the SLC for the next franchise.

Transport Focus also notes that the timetable offers reasonable connections at both ends of its route, except into Chiltern's up trains: LMS xx.22 and xx.46, the latter five minutes before the arrival from COV, but is aware of the pathing constraints over the route. Those constraints make the paths within 15 minutes of CrossCountry, but could thereby provide some relief for its trains.

The new service will benefit people in Kenilworth, and elsewhere, who wish to travel by rail. Transport Focus supports the application.

Regards,

John Sears.