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Dear Colleague,

Access to the East Coast Main Line

1. Thank you for your detailed comments on CH2M's interim methodology report.
2. For various reasons including the time it will take to review and deal with these, we will no longer be ready to publish CH2M's draft full report on Friday and so will not need the stakeholder meeting on 1 December.
3. We still plan to publish the draft full report before Christmas. We are looking for a new date to hold a stakeholder meeting at some point after mid-January 2016, and will confirm this as soon as we can. We will keep in mind the need for stakeholders to have an adequate opportunity to review and respond to the draft full report before the meeting.
4. This also means we will not now have all the information we would need to make a recommendation to our Board before the end of the calendar year, as we had hoped.
5. Please contact me, Rob Plaskitt, Ian Williams or David Reed if you need to discuss. We will be publishing this letter on our website.

Yours sincerely

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To:

Andy Sparkes, Phil Dawson (VTEC)

Ian Yeowart (GNER)

Leo Goodwin (East Coast Trains Ltd)

Simon Smith, Andrew Murray, Enrico Russo (DfT)

Jo Kaye, Fiona Dolman, Elaine Folwell, Graham Botham, Tim Wright (Network Rail)

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