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Dear Stuart,

Review of the General Approval (Stations) 2010 and General Approval (Depots) 2010

This letter sets out the views of TfL on the questions raised in the ORR's review of the Stations and Depots General Approvals. TfL is content for the contents of this response to be published and shared with third parties.

Proposed changes to the General Approval (Stations) 2010

1. Do you agree with the changes we have proposed in paragraphs 1 to 5 above?

TfL agrees to the suggested changes, with the exception of the change concerning car parking permits. These should not be included as permitted modifications because there are usually insufficient spaces to accommodate the requirements of all interested parties at stations. Arrangements should therefore be made locally as the Station Facility Owner will have the best overview of the requirements and how these need to be adjusted over time, rather than through recourse to changes to legal agreements covering station access. Where changes to these legal agreements are required in relation to car parking provision they should remain subject to regulatory oversight to ensure that all parties are treated in a fair and consistent manner, given the controversy that the allocation of such spaces often creates.

Where changes are proposed as described in paragraphs 1 to 5 the franchise / concession awarding authorities should be consulted before any alterations are implemented through the General Approval, in view of their ongoing

interest in the facilities and services provided at stations.

2. If you disagree with any of proposed changes, please explain why.

TfL disagrees with the proposed changes regarding car parking permits, for the reasons discussed above.

3. Addressing our proposed changes in the order we have set them out in paragraphs 1 to 5 above, do you have any comments?

Refer to the answer given to question 1 above.

4. Do you have any suggestions for additional changes to the General Approval (Stations) 2010 that you wish us to consider?

TfL has no suggestions for additional changes.

5. Are there any other comments you wish to make in relation to the General Approval (Stations) 2010?

TfL has no other comments to make in relation to the General Approval (Stations) 2010.

Proposed changes to the General Approval (Depots) 2010

1. Do you agree with the change we have proposed in paragraph 1 above? If you disagree with the proposed change, please explain why. In addition, please provide any comments you have on our proposed change.

TfL agrees to the change suggested in paragraph 1, provided that in all cases the franchise / concession awarding authorities are consulted before a change to a Depot name is implemented through the General Approval.

2. Do you have any suggestions for additional changes to the General Approval (Depots) that you wish us to consider?

TfL has no suggestions for additional changes.

3. Are there any other comments you wish to make in relation to the General Approval (Depots) 2010?

TfL has no other comments to make in relation to the General Approval (Depots) 2010.

Proposed amendments to the template access agreements

1. *Do you agree with the changes we have proposed in paragraphs 1 to 3 above?*

TfL accepts the proposed changes.

2. *If you disagree with any of the proposed changes, please explain why.*

TfL accepts the proposed changes.

3. *Addressing our proposed changes in the order we have set them out in paragraphs 1 to 3 above, do you have any comments?*

Refer to the responses to questions 1 and 2 above.

4. *Do you have any suggestions for additional changes to our template documents that you wish us to consider?*

TfL has no suggestions for additional changes.

5. *Are there any other comments you wish to make in relation to our template documents*

TfL has no other comments to make in relation to the template documents.

Yours sincerely,

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