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Dear John,

Thank you for responding to this further period of consultation regarding Alliance Rail Holding's (Alliance) Section 17 proposal. Your comments regarding the initial consultation are noted and Network Rail has now provided a draft report regarding capacity post 2016.

GNER has amended the proposed track access rights to include contingent rights for a small number of Edinburgh services to call at Stevenage. This proposal is supported by Stevenage Borough Council as a result of the increased connectivity between Stevenage and Scotland. Your comments regarding the exacerbation of delays on the ECML as a result of the Stevenage calls are noted, however should our services be approved, and Network Rail be able to accommodate the additional calls, we will work closely with Network Rail and operators to mitigate any performance risk.

Yours sincerely,



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