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Our ref
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Dear Chris

Arriva Trains Wales: Proposed 73rd Supplemental Agreement: application under s22A

Thank you for offering us the chance to comment on these proposals.

Development of the Northern Hub scheme is already underway in Greater Manchester and beyond and is scheduled to be completed in Winter 2018. The scheme provides the opportunity for significant changes and remapping of train services throughout the North. Bids have been submitted against ITTs for the new Northern and TPE franchises; these competitions are nearing their conclusion and the announcement of the franchise winners is imminent.

Train paths between Manchester Piccadilly and Manchester Airport are limited in number and careful consideration should be given to the services which run along this extremely busy corridor.

It is unclear whether ATW acknowledge that there is a conflict between their proposals and services which are specified in the Northern and TPE Invitation to Tender documents. We do however understand it to be Network Rail's clear view that the proposed ATW services could not be provided as well as the Northern Hub services. If this is correct, then clearly a choice would need to be made between the ATW services and the "Hub services".

It is also unclear whether ATW accept that if there is such a conflict this implies that their proposed service should only be provided for a limited time, i.e. that the committed Northern Hub services should take precedence. The application itself does not appear to be for time-limited access rights.

In the current circumstance whilst the two franchises in the North are in the process of being let it would be unhelpful for these rights to be committed, especially as this could potentially conflict other service changes offering greater benefit.

We would therefore like to state that Transport for Greater Manchester opposes this application.

Yours Sincerely,

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Owain Roberts
Rail Services Development Officer