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Dear Yaelle,

Enhancements delivery plan update

Thank you for your letter dated 08 October 2015.

The publication of the enhancements delivery plan is a key element of the regulatory framework. It is intended to provide clear and transparent statements on Network Rail's obligations and schedules. This is not only important for accountability but also for affected stakeholders to be able to plan their own businesses with greater certainty. I know this is as important to Network Rail as it is to ORR and the current replanning exercise does not alter this positive commitment.

However, as you mention, concluding the replan in November as currently planned creates some issues around the September quarterly update. The approach you have outlined is sensible for the immediate next few months, specifically, to maintain the June EDP on NR's website until the CP5 re-plan can be established. Although you will continue to internally change control milestones, any changes to regulatory milestones (or other regulatory obligations) cannot be done unilaterally by Network Rail and requires ORR approval. As you know part of this approval process requires consultation with affected stakeholders and this should continue.

It is also important to consider how Network Rail will approach changing the enhancements delivery plan once the replan has concluded and accepted by the Secretary of State. As mentioned the current regulatory change control process requires Network Rail to seek views from affected stakeholders before changes to regulatory obligations are finalised. This still applies for any changes resulting from the replan, acknowledging that some factors driving the replan will not be affected by stakeholder views but some of the detailed descriptions of obligations and milestones may be.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Richards', is written over the signature line.

Graham Richards
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