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Dear Alex and Jonathan

**Seventeenth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and MTR Corporation (Crossrail) Limited (Crossrail)**

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement, submitted to us formally on 15 April 2021, following earlier informal submission for our review.

**Purpose**

9. The delay to the Crossrail Programme means that some amendments to the Access Rights contained in the Crossrail Track Access Contract will be needed for the May 2021 Subsidiary Timetable on Anglia Route. This change is the most recent in a series of small amendments to access rights in order to accommodate that delay.

10. In a previous supplemental agreement MTR Elizabeth line (MTREL) introduced an increase in the off-peak service frequency from December 2020, to more closely reflect the level of service that will operate on the Anglia Route when the full Elizabeth Line timetable is in operation. The off-peak frequency between London Liverpool Street and Shenfield increased from 6-trains per hour in each direction to 8-trains per hour in each direction, during off-peak hours Mondays to Saturday. There was a similar increase on Sundays, but a number of the additional services operate between Liverpool Street and Gidea Park only.

The final Elizabeth line timetable will provide 10-trains per hour in each direction off-peak, seven days a week.

11. The 17th Supplemental is therefore seeking to extend the additional Firm Rights agreed prior to December 2020, between Liverpool Street and Pudding Mill Lane Junction, as Firm Rights from the Subsidiary Change Date in May 2021 to the Principal Change Date in December 2021 and an extension of the additional Firm Rights agreed from December 2020 until May 2021, between Liverpool Street and Pudding Mill Lane Junction, as Contingent Rights from the Subsidiary Change Date in May 2021 to the Principal Change Date in December 2021.

#### Consultation

2. Network Rail undertook the consultation between 12 January and 12 February 2021. No issues were raised by the consultees. GWR confirmed they had no objections and Transport Focus confirmed its support for the proposal.

#### ORR review

3. The agreement is in line with the current requirements of the delayed Crossrail programme.

4. Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. ORR's copy should be sent for my attention.

5. In accordance with section 72 of the Act, we will place a copy of the approval notice and the agreement on our public register. Copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to [PassengerServices\\_Access&Operations@dft.gov.uk](mailto:PassengerServices_Access&Operations@dft.gov.uk) at the Department for Transport and [RegulatoryReformNewTAC/SAInfo@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:RegulatoryReformNewTAC/SAInfo@networkrail.co.uk) at Network Rail. Copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'J. Trippier', is located below the 'Yours sincerely' text.

**John Trippier**