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Dear Joanna and Catherine

Approval of the 86th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Abellio East Anglia Limited dated 10 December 2004

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 29 April 2021 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to extend the expiry date of Abellio East Anglia's Track Access Contract from the Principal Change Date (PCD) 2021 until PCD 2022.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. No issues or queries were raised.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. The planned work of the Event Steering Group to mitigate the effect on capacity of the various access aspirations on the Great Eastern Main Line has been delayed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and as a result this work is now planned to examine the period after PCD 2022. We are therefore satisfied that this contract extension will not impact on or be impacted by this work.

We requested confirmation of agreement to this application by the Department for Transport, which was included when the agreement was formally submitted.

Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; in particular, those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

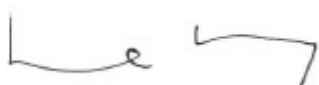
Conformed copy of the track access agreement

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. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

Public register and administration

Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to the Department for Transport and Network Rail's Policy and Access Team. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website) and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise', followed by a stylized flourish.

Louise Beilby