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Dear Gary and Nicola

## **Approval of the Thirty Second Supplemental Agreement to the Track Access Contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Northern Trains Limited**

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today approved the Thirty Second Supplemental Agreement to the Track Access Contract (TAC) dated 3 March 2016 between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Northern Trains Limited (Northern) (jointly the parties).

### **Purpose of the agreement and background**

On 1st March 2020, the rights and obligations of Arriva Rail North Limited under the TAC were transferred to Northern Trains Limited (NTL) pursuant to a transfer scheme made by the Secretary of State for Transport under Schedule 2 of the Railways Act 2005.

The purpose of this agreement is to update a number of details in the Contract to reflect the transfer that occurred in March 2020. This includes inserting 'NTL' in place of 'ARN', and "Services Agreement" in place of "Franchise Agreement".



## **ORR review and conclusions**

We reviewed the agreement and noted that the changes introduced reflect the effect of the DfT transfer scheme. We also note that no industry consultation was required as the changes do not have a material impact on the access rights held.

## **Conformed copy of the track access contract**

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.

Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website. I am also copying this letter without enclosures to

RegulatoryReformNewTAC/SAInfo@networkrail.co.uk at Network Rail and  
PassengerServices\_Access&Operations@dft.gov.uk at DfT. Copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely



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