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Dear Alexis and Keith

**Approval of the eighth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and South Yorkshire Future Trams Limited (SYFTL) dated 4 May 2018**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 26 March 2024 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 update the track access contract with the details of the new train operator following the novation of the contract from South Yorkshire Supertram Limited (SYSL) to South Yorkshire Future Trams Limited (SYFTL) on 22nd March 2024.

**Industry consultation**

No consultation took place as the proposed changes are purely administrative to reflect the novation carried out under the terms of the contract.

**ORR review**

Our review of the application raised no concerns. We reviewed the supplemental agreement and suggested minor drafting corrections to the parties.



## **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 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

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