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Dear Erin and Robbie

Approval of the 82nd supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Transpennine Trains Limited (trading as Transpennine Express) (TPT) dated 3 March 2016.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 16 July 2025 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 allow TPT to amend their track access contract for one timetable period only with additional station stops on service group EA07. These new calling patterns will commence on approval and cease on the Principal Change Date in December 2025 with no presumption of continuity.

Table 4.1 (calling patterns) will be amended as below, which is correcting an error made in the 76th supplemental agreement whereby Eaglescliffe was mistakenly added instead of Bolton.

Addition of Bolton and removal of Eaglescliffe from the additional stations between Manchester Airport and Glasgow Central



- Addition of Bolton and removal of Eaglescliffe from the additional stations between Manchester Airport and Edinburgh

Industry consultation

There was no industry consultation as this had been previously consulted on the 76th supplemental agreement where the change to Bolton was made.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no concerns.

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

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