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24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Louise / Jonathan,

**Transport UK East Midlands Limited (“EMR”) response to Network Rail’s Final Representations on EMR’s 20<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Agreement**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Network Rail’s final representations dated 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 regarding EMR’s Section 22a application for the additional Sunday morning services on the Hope Valley from December 2025 (proposed 20<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Agreement to the Track Access Contract).

EMR notes that Network Rail is supportive of this application, with the exception of calling patterns in the proposed December 2025 Timetable that are not listed in the updated calling pattern provided in the 20<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Agreement for the new services.

Whilst EMR acknowledges that this application has not included the calling patterns we would operate in the December 2025 Timetable, it believes that given the timescale and requirements set out by the ORR in its letter of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024 to the industry EMR has provided all information possible at that stage. We identified the potential paths for the proposed services and continued to develop and refine our proposed December 2025 timetable including calling patterns. Stockport was initially omitted in Table 4.1 the Calling Patterns to provide flexibility to run via Romiley. We believe that these calling stops would not have any impact on network capacity in the hours we propose to run these services, and as confirmed by Northwest & Central Region that the paths sought by EMR can be accommodated.

The enhancements we are proposing will significantly improve the Sunday morning service between the East Midlands and Manchester. During the consultation period, we responded to all queries and worked with the industry to ensure the proposed services would not be of any detriment of current operations in the areas. EMR is now made aware of this oversight; the calling patterns for these two services will be updated in Table 4.1 the Calling Patterns and addressed in EMR’s 24<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Agreement.



Yours sincerely,

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