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Dear Ian

## **Supplementary Information: Business update**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide some further information in support of Gemini's submission made on 18 July 2025. This reflects the ongoing progress the Gemini and Uber team have made with our business plan and our ambition to bring Uber Trains by Gemini to a newly revitalised Stratford International Station.

We further note the additional data requests received today and we look forward to providing the more detailed information they seek.

## Lille

Following detailed discussions to review the feedback provided by London St Pancras Highspeed on our timetable, we have also followed up with the Department for Transport and UK Border Force. As we continue to refine our timetable to take advantage of the available channel tunnel paths, we intend to introduce an additional stop at Lille Europe for trains travelling on to Brussels and beyond.

Gemini expects that this additional stop will offer a commercial opportunity as well as widening the benefit to passengers.

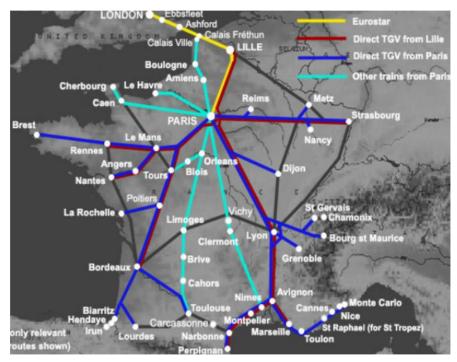
Lille Europe is very conveniently located on the French high speed rail network and offers connections with SNCF TGV services to major destinations in France including:

- Strasbourg
- Bordeaux
- Nantes
- Avignon
- Marseille

Aside from these national connections, Lille offers simple connections to Marne – la – Vallee (for Disneyland Paris) and to Paris CDG Airport. These 2 destinations alone provide significant benefit to our customers as well as commercial opportunity.

Additionally, connecting in Lille rather than in Paris will appeal to many travellers, for example those travelling with families and those travelling with luggage. This is because the connecting services depart from the same station, which is modest sized and easy to navigate.

The network map below provides an overview of the connections at Lille Europe.



(credit: www.seat61.com)

Lille is home to 2 mainline stations – Lille Europe and Lille Flandres. They are separated by only a short walk and as such this represents an additional and viable connection opportunity for Gemini customers alighting at Lille Europe.

Whilst the rule of thumb is that Lille Europe serves high speed operators, there are some high-speed SNCF TGV services from Lille Flandres and some planned open access services from a new entrant – Kevin Speed /Ilisto. Most services from Lille Flandres are regional trains and so provide connection opportunities for Gemini customers travelling to northern French cities such as Calais, Dunkerque and Lens.

This intended enhancement to Gemini stopping patterns has no other impact on our business plan.

The Gemini team, working in partnership with Uber, continues to work to support our mobilisation. We will provide details of any further developments that make a material difference to the information already provided to you.

Yours sincerely



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Chief Executive Officer