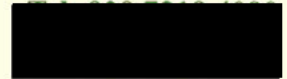




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Dear Declan,

I understand that ORR will shortly decide between the four applications submitted for access to vacant capacity at Temple Mills, to increase the capacity of international rail services from London. I write to support the application of Gemini Trains, because of the commitment it has made to commence international services from Stratford.

As you know, Stratford International Station made London 2012 possible, and so opened up a dramatic transformation in our part of London. It has always been a frustration, however, that, on HS1, only domestic services serve Stratford, and that Eurostar has always refused to stop international services there. As demand for international services from London grows, there is a need for station capacity outside St Pancras. From many places in London, including Westminster, Stratford is much more accessible than St Pancras.

International rail services at Stratford represent a major commercial opportunity, as demand for international rail travel grows. Stratford could play a key role in the European rail network, and, in doing so, stimulate further positive regeneration – businesses and homes – in our part of London.

I do hope that ORR will facilitate a genuine alternative to the current offerings, and permit Gemini to put its plans into effect.

With all best wishes,

Yours sincerely



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