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Dear Mark and Olivia,

Approval of the 48th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and London North Eastern Railway Limited (trading as LNER) dated 3 March 2017.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 22 September 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 amend LNER's track access contract with amendments to Schedule 8, appendix 1 relating to the re-weighting of monitoring points due to services not running to Glasgow, Motherwell and Sunderland from Principle Change Date 2024. Those current rights expire at the Principle Change Date 2025 along with Part B of the track access contract. Any remaining issues relating to these will be addressed separately once Part C commences. No additional rights are sought in this submission. These changes will commence on approval and cease at the end of the contract.



Industry consultation

There was no Industry Consultation as this was purely an administrative change.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. Clarification was sought on Sale of Access Rights approval date and was resolved by Network Rail.

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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