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Dear Alexis and Matt,

Approval of the 41st supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and NYMR PLC (trading as North Yorkshire Moors Railway) dated 17 January 2007.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 2 October 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 the North Yorkshire Moors Railway track access contract with the operational dates for 2026 which will be added to the appendix of Schedule 5. The operational dates are 23 March 2026 until 1 November 2026. This change will commence at the Principle Change Date in December 2025 and will cease at the end of the contract.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. Comments were received Great Western Railway who had no objections, Northern who had no comments and Transport Focus who also had no comments.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic 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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