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#### BY EMAIL ONLY

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Dear Mr Williams and Mr Whittingham,

# THE OFFICE OF RAIL AND ROAD (ORR) DECISION ON ACCESS TO TEMPLE MILLS INTERNATIONAL DEPOT (TMI).

- On 30 October 2025 we published our decision on Virgin Trains Europe Holdings Limited's (VTE's) application to access TMI, submitted under section 17 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act).
- 2. As stated in paragraph 7 of our decision letter, we now expect Eurostar International Limited (EIL) and VTE to work constructively on the detailed terms of access so that ORR can direct the formal contract promptly.
- 3. We now require EIL and VTE to work together to develop and agree the exact terms of the Depot Access Agreement (DAA), so that we may direct entry into it in line with our decision. It may be useful for the parties to consider the template documentation we have published relating to depot access. We also understand that EIL has made progress with developing a template DAA for TMI, we would be happy to consider a draft of this as soon as possible and offer a view on its likely suitability.

### Deadline for your response

- 4. Please provide us with an agreed draft DAA by Friday 19 December 2025. We are happy to meet with either or both of you at your request to discuss the required content of a DAA.
- 5. We will then review this draft in order to proceed to directing the DAA under Section 17 of the Act.

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## Publication

6. ORR intends to publish this letter on our website.

Yours sincerely,

