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Dear Arthur and Susan,

**Approval of the 8th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between HS1 Limited (Trading as London St Pancras High Speed) and SE Trains Limited (Trading as Southeastern) dated 13 March 2014.**

The Office of Rail and Road (ORR) has today approved the 8th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between London St Pancras High Speed and Southeastern (jointly the parties), submitted to us formally on 4 November 2025 under The Railways (Access, Management and Licensing of Railway Undertakings) Regulations 2016 (the 2016 Regulations). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. The purpose of this letter is to set out the reasons for our decision.

**Purpose of the agreement**

The purpose of this agreement is to amend the London St Pancras High Speed and Southeastern track access agreement with additional rights for Southeastern on the HS1 network. These are five additional services from St. Pancras International to Springhead Junction and four additional services from Springhead Junction to St. Pancras International. These additional rights will commence at the Principal Change Date in December 2025 and will cease at the end of the current contract (currently 31 December 2029).



## **Consultation**

A pre-application consultation was carried out by London St Pancras High Speed in line with the process set out in the HS1 Criteria and Procedures document ("the C&Ps").

Eurostar responded that it had no comments.

## **ORR review**

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

## **ORR's conclusions**

Pursuant to Regulation 28(1) of the Regulations, in considering the application and in reaching our decision, we are required to weigh and strike the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Railways Act 1993 (as amended). Approval of this application is consistent with these duties; in particular our duties to:

- protect the interests of users of rail services;
  - promote the use of the railway network in Great Britain for the carriage of passengers and goods, and the development of the railway network, to the greatest extent that ORR considers economically practicable;
  - contribute to the development of an integrated system of transport of passengers and goods;
- and
- enable persons providing railway service to plan the future of their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance.

## **Conformed copy of the track access contract, public register and administration**

Pursuant to the C&Ps, London St Pancras High Speed is required to produce a conformed copy of the track access agreement within 28 days of any amendment being made, and to send a copy to ORR. I look forward to receiving the conformed copy.

We will place a copy of the supplemental agreement on our public register. The parties have not asked us to make any redactions prior to placing them on the public register. Copies of this letter and the agreement will also be placed on the ORR website.



Yours sincerely



**Claire Brooks**