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Dear Adebisi and Dean,

Approval of the 41st supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and South Western Railway Limited (trading as South Western Railway) dated 9 April 2019.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 17 November 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 add a new contractual monitoring point at Aldershot in the reverse direction for off peak services in service group HY06 (Windsor Outers). This new contractual monitoring point will commence on 7 December 2025 which is the start of Period 10 in 25/26 CP7 and will cease at the expiry of the contract, which is currently the Subsidiary Change Date 2027. South Western Railway has also taken this opportunity to remove all the 0.0000 weightings from Appendix 1 of Schedule 8 of the contract.

Industry consultation

As this amendment is purely an administrative one and affects no other operator, no industry consultation took place.



ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. We identified some minor drafting issues, and these were resolved when the agreement was formally submitted.

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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