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Dear Eleanor and Mark

**Approval of the 105th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Arriva Rail London Limited (trading as London Overground) dated 9 November 2007**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 14 January 2026 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 grant London Overground with the rights necessary to improve its passenger service provision between Highbury and Islington and Crystal Palace during weekday peak times. This involves increasing the firm rights by an additional two trains per hour in both directions during the morning and evening peaks.

The amendment will be effective from the Principal Change Date (PCD) in December 2026 until the track access contract expiry date on the Subsidiary Change Date (SCD) in May 2027.

**Industry consultation**

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation for four weeks from 20 November 2025. No concerns or objections were raised.

**ORR review**

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns, not did we identify any drafting issues that needed to be corrected prior to formal submission.



### **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

A solid black rectangular box redacting the signature of Louise Beilby.

**Louise Beilby**