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Dear Jayne and Rob

**Approval of the 112th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and First Greater Western Limited (trading as Great Western Railway (GWR)) dated 4 March 2016**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 22 December 2025 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this application is to add contingent access rights to the parties' track access contract to allow a trial of overnight Reading to Gatwick Airport services on Friday and Saturday nights. The trial will be from 17 May to 13 September 2026 and the amendments reflect this time period.

**Industry consultation**

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation from 13 October to 13 November 2025. Supportive responses were received from London TravelWatch and Transport Focus.

**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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