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Dear Natasha and Catherine

Approval of the 109th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and GA Trains Limited (trading as Greater Anglia (GA)) dated 10 December 2004

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 5 October 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 extend GA's track access contract from its current expiry date of the Subsidiary Change Date (SCD) in May 2027 to the Principal Change Date (PCD) in December 2028.

It also permanently puts in place a number of firm access rights for services which were identified as running without them in the current timetable. These rights were put in place on a contingent basis only by the 111th supplemental agreement (a general approval) and will be removed from the table of contingent rights by this 109th supplemental agreement.

Finally, it removes some rights from the track access contract which no longer align with the timetable.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation for four weeks from 27 July 2026. Comments in support or raising no objection were received from Transport Focus, Great Western Railway and CrossCountry.

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ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. We identified a drafting issue whereby one of the firm rights required had been omitted from the tables and would therefore not have been replaced when the contingent right was removed. This was resolved prior to our invitation of 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 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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