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Dear Jayne and Rob

**Approval of the 29th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and First Greater Western Limited**

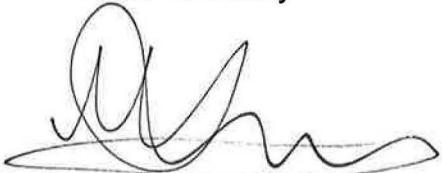
1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 1 October 2018 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. The purpose of this letter is to set out the reasons for our decision.
2. The purpose of this agreement is to provide GWR with longer term rights for an additional weekday service between Twyford and Henley-on-Thames which has been running since 22 June 2018 under the General Approval.
3. Network Rail undertook the normal industry consultation ending on 2 August 2018 with one response received from Transport Focus supporting the application.
4. Our review identified no issues and we are satisfied that approval is in accordance with our statutory duties under Section 4 of the Railways Act 1993. We identified some minor drafting issues and highlighted these to the parties with our suggested comments. These have been accepted and the agreement has been amended accordingly for the formal submission.
5. In considering the agreement and in reaching our decision, we have had to weigh and strike the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of

the Act. We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement is consistent with our section 4 duties, 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)).

6. 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.

7. Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at Department for Transport and to Peter Craig at Network Rail. 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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