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Dear David

London Euston to Liverpool Lime Street Open Access Application

Thank you for granting an extension of time for us to give further consideration to and evaluation of our open access application for the above services. As a long standing operator in UK Rail, we have valued our relationship with your organisation and we do appreciate the flexibility you have provided us with.

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We consider that with the Williams Review still not having been published, there remains considerable uncertainty that at this time, we had originally hoped would have been much clearer.

Consequently, and after much consideration, we have decided to suspend our application at this time, to which end, please regard this letter as formal notification of our decision to withdraw our application at this stage. At the same time, we remain committed to this railway and would look to consider re-applying in the future, once we have seen the outcome and understand the impact of the Williams Review.

Thank you and your team for your assistance with this. [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Neil Micklethwaite".

Neil Micklethwaite
Business Development Director