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Dear Rebecca and Tom

**Thirty sixth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited (GTR)**

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 28 February 2020 under Section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act).
2. The purpose of the agreement is:
  - to extend GTR's current weekday and Saturday services between Moorgate and Watton-at-Stone to start and terminate at Stevenage;
  - to add an additional Saturday service between Cambridge and Brighton;
  - to extend an existing Rainham service to start from Luton instead of Kentish Town; and
  - to amend some timing loads.
3. There were supportive responses from Southeastern and Transport Focus from the industry consultation. Cross Country had some queries that were resolved by

correspondence. Great Western Railway initially objected to the application but after an exchange of correspondence, confirmed their support.

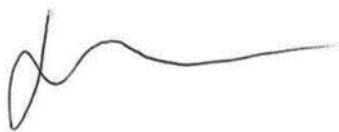
4. We did not have any concerns about this application.

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. ORR's copy should be sent for my attention.

7. Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jonathan Rodgers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Jonathan Rodgers**