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Dear Joe and Jonathan

**Eighth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and MTR Corporation Limited (Crossrail)**

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 19 October 2017.
2. The agreement amends Service Group EX01 in Table 2.1 in order to introduce additional services between Liverpool Street and Shenfield. The additional rights will be effective from PCD 2017 and will decrease crowding and provide increased journey opportunities on the route.
3. Network Rail undertook a 28 day industry consultation. Although no objections were received several consultees did note that the description of changes in the Form P did not align to the changes made in the Agreement. The error in the description of changes in Form P was corrected and re-circulated to consultees on 5 September.
4. We reviewed the application and were generally content with the proposal. We asked that a reference to the DfT's transfer scheme be removed, as it was not relevant to the contract. We also suggested that increased clarity would result if the agreement used a new Table 2.1, rather than showing amendments to the previous version. You accepted our suggestions and amended the agreement accordingly. There were no further issues.



5. 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.

6. In accordance with section 72 of the Act, we will place a copy of the approval notice and the agreement on our public register. Copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at the Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. 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 'John Trippier', is written over a thin horizontal line.

**John Trippier**