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Dear Paul and Steve

**Approval of the 1st supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Chinnor & Princes Risborough Railway Company Limited (CPRR) dated 25 June 2016**

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 26 November 2020 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 the expiry date of the parties' track access contract from 25 June 2021 to 1 September 2025, so that CPRR can plan its services beyond the current contract expiry date. The parties have also updated some minor details in the contract (a correction to CPRR's company name, a change of contact telephone number and a simplified definition of the Route in Schedule 2).

The parties have also updated their "Operating Arrangements" document, which is a collateral agreement to the contract.



## **Industry consultation**

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation between 28 July and 1 September 2020. No queries were received.

## **ORR review**

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. We asked Network Rail to provide a finalised version of the Operating Arrangements document and they did this when the agreement was formally submitted.

## **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 the Department for Transport and Network Rail's Regulatory Reform Team. 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 be 'Jonathan Rodgers', written in a cursive style.

**Jonathan Rodgers**