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Dear Sid and Mia

Approval of the 102nd supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and SE Trains Limited dated 6 December 2007

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 12 September 2023 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 SE Trains' current Track Access Contract for two years until the Principal Change Date (PCD) 2025, and to provide it with the rights necessary to operate its PCD 2023 timetable. This involves making two access rights amendments which will provide more capacity and reduce overcrowding on existing peak services and benefit performance on the Greenwich and Sidcup Lines. The rights are to commence on PCD 2023 and will expire on the Expiry Date or earlier termination of SE Trains' track access contract.

Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. No objections or queries were received.



ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns. We note that the application was very thorough and included good standards of evidence and analysis, which was of great help to us in making our decision.

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 Policy and Access Team. 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Beilby'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Louise Beilby