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Dear Mark

### **Network Rail's Response to LNER's 36<sup>th</sup> Supplemental Agreement**

Thank you for the response to LNER's section 22A track access application.

We note the comments made in connection with the proposed amendment and welcome the continued collaboration on delivering the proposed changes to LNER's Track Access Contract (TAC). The supplemental was made as a precaution should the East Coast Mainline (ECML) event steering group (ESG) timetable.

The full timetable development work had not taken place due to the focus on delivering the ESG timetable.

LNER would like to raise the following points in response to the Network Rail letter.

- LNER is fully aware that the delivery of these services is dependent on the completion of infrastructure work. We have been assured by Network Rail that this work will be completed by Subsidiary Change Date 2025 in time for the delivery of these services. If the work is not completed, we will be unable to deliver the additional services for Bradford.
- These services are aligned to the weekday timetable, for which LNER holds rights under both Part B and Part C of its current contract.
- We would like to reassure all parties that the services will not operate independently of existing services and will operate as extensions to West Yorkshire services. The rights were included separately in line with existing practice as we unclear as to which services would be extended.
- The detailed proposals for Sunday remain under development (due to the focus on delivering ESG) and will be submitted in line with the priority date for the Subsidiary Change Date in 2025.
- We will support Network Rail in the completion of the necessary power modelling.

These rights have been requested in line with our established timetable development strategy and to ensure the benefits from major industry investment (at Bradford Forster Square) can be should the ESG timetable not be delivered at the Subsidiary Change in 2025. They also have the support of local stakeholders. We would ask that these considerations are reflected in the decision making process.

Yours sincerely,



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