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Dear Nigel,

Thank you for responding to this consultation regarding Alliance Rail Holding's (Alliance) Section 17 proposal. We note your comments particularly in relation to the need for further detailed information in order for you to give a fuller response. We would however be pleased to meet with you directly to discuss various aspects of the application.

We are in discussion with Network Rail to develop this proposal further. However, the reason for our application was to make certain that franchise bidders for the East Coast could take into account our proposals when bidding.

In terms of capacity Alliance would hope that with CP4 interventions creating further capacity¹ - and work currently being undertaken during CP5 with the Connectivity Fund² - then it is more than reasonable to expect the significant investment made in the infrastructure will deliver what is promised – further capacity and journey time improvements.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Yeowart
Managing Director

¹ CP4 Delivery Plan – Programme 18 – ECML improvements (July 2013) shows as outputs:

- Up to one additional long distance high speed passenger path per hour off peak
- Up to two additional long distance high speed passenger paths in each peak hour

This is delivered via a significant number of scheme outputs.

² The Secretary of State ... *“seeks further improvement in capacity and reduction in journey times”*.