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Subject: East Coast, proposals for Stirling, Sunderland, Leeds, Edinburgh_industry consultation for Section 22A applications

Mark

Having reviewed the proposed changes to East Coast's services, First Hull Trains has the following comments to make;

Knowing the capacity constraints on various sections of the ECML, we have reservations regarding the performance impact these additional services will put on other operators on the route.

We would also like to understand what the Regulating Policy will be for these new services, with the extension of Newcastle services onto the Scottish route, and the changes to the other services also.

Finally, we have concerns regarding the affect these services will have during times of Engineering Blockades. Again in capacity constrained areas, additional paths such as these will put additional pressure on Network Rail planners when utilising reduced pathing space.

There is also recognition that additional Doncaster - London services could extract revenue from our own services on that line of route.

I welcome your comments on these areas.

Thanks

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