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Dear Rachel,

Industry consultation GNER London – Scotland Section17: revised for calls at Stevenage

Thank you for your email of 24th July and opportunity to respond to Alliance Rail's GNER Edinburgh services amended Section 17 proposal for some of their proposed services to call at Stevenage.

The concerns set out in FirstGroup's letters of 24th January and 28th March - the lack of evidence to demonstrate that capacity is available or the impact on existing Access Rights - has a direct application at Stevenage. The industry Right Time Railway Group has identified a significant problem with services calling at Stevenage exceeding their dwell times (currently running at 37% of the total) and impacting other services on the East Coast main line (ECML).

We are therefore concerned that increasing calls at Stevenage will exacerbate delays already being caused to customers and communities on the ECML.

Yours sincerely



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Head of Access Contracts