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Dear Andriana and Tom

**Thirty fourth supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and Govia Thameslink Railway Limited (GTR)**

1. We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 9 October 2019 under Section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act).
2. The purpose of the agreement is to update the parties' track access contract for the December 2019 timetable change. GTR currently has access rights for an hourly service between Kings Cross and Cambridge North on weekdays and Saturdays. From December 2019 these services are being cut back to start and terminate at Cambridge. This will allow Greater Anglia to take over the slots at Cambridge North.
3. The parties are also seeking to extend the date of some East Coast Main Line access rights in line with Network Rail's current ECML access rights policy. Appendix 7C of Schedule 7 is being updated to show Class 717 trains as the primary rolling stock used in the ET04 service group. The agreement also corrects some minor errors in Schedule 5 of the contract.

4. There was one response to the industry consultation, from Cross Country. It had a number of queries which were resolved by correspondence.
5. We did not have any concerns about this application. There were some discrepancies between the information contained in application form and the agreement but we asked the parties to clarify these before the agreement was formally submitted.
6. In considering the agreement and in reaching our decision, we have had to weigh and strike the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act. We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement is consistent with our section 4 duties, 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)).
7. 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. ORR's copy should be sent for my attention.
8. Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to Keith Merritt at Department for Transport and Peter Craig at Network Rail. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register 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 'Jonathan Rodgers', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Jonathan Rodgers**