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Subject: RE: Great North Western Railway Company Ltd (Trading as Grand Central) - Section 18 consultation

Dear Rachel

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the GNWR Section 18 Application to run services between London and Blackpool from December 2017.

Further to our response of 7th July 2014, Northern Rail has the following comments to make on behalf of the new franchisee.

- Northern Rail notes this application replicates the rights sought in the application made by GNWR in June 2014 albeit a reduction in the previous application and understands that Network Rail has agreed to sell the London – Blackpool rights in relation to the June 2014 application and that the rights sought in the application have been put to Network Rail's SoAR panel.
- Whilst Northern acknowledges that these proposals improve connectivity for Northern Towns and provides new direct links to London we would like to understand the impact on our existing capacity and performance, we also believe that these proposal are detrimental to the future franchises revenue stream and that they are primarily abstractive.
- Northern would like clarification regarding the stabling of the Rolling Stock as to whether there would be a requirement for any diagrams to start or finish at Blackpool and seeks assurance that this would not be to the detriment of our services to and from Liverpool and Manchester.

We welcome your response in relation to our comments raised.

Regards

Liz

Liz Hudson

Assistant Track Access Manager

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Cc: Gilliland Rachel;
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consultation

Dear all,

**RE: Great North Western Railway Company Ltd trading as Grand Central West Coast (GCWC)
Blackpool Services New Contract**

Network Rail and GCWC propose to submit to ORR an application under Section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 for a new Track Access Contract. In line with the Industry Code of practice for track access application consultations, we are consulting you on the proposed agreement.

Please find attached the Section 18 application for 6 paths per day each way between Blackpool and Queens Park. The proposed contract and Form P are attached, and will also be uploaded onto the Network Rail website tomorrow.

I would be grateful if you could let me have any comments you may have on the proposed agreement no later than close of business on 28th April 2015, please note that you do not need to respond if you do not have any comments. The ORR and DfT has agreed this 14 day consultation period. This is based on the fact that this is a reduced version of a previous consultation carried out last year.

Any reply received from you in response to this invitation will be copied to GCWC and ORR.

Please respond in the first instance via email to _____ and
(cc'd to this email).

Kindest regards,

Bec

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