

# ***Grand Union***

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Dear David

## **Grand Union Track Access Application Stirling – London Euston**

Grand Union submitted an application on 12 November 2019 to operate a new open access passenger service between Stirling and London Euston. The proposed start date was May 2021.

Following applications for a number of new services on the WCML from Avanti, Virgin Trains and Grand Union, the ORR tasked Network Rail with undertaking a review of the capacity on the Route.

The initial output indicated that pockets of capacity are available, but that to accommodate further regular services more detailed work would need to be undertaken, including the possibility of an ESG. Alongside this Grand Union is aware of the timescale restrictions currently imposed on the ORR by the requirements of the EE Test.

Following further discussions Grand Union has therefore pushed back its proposed start date from May 2021 to December 2021 which should allow Network Rail time to undertake the necessary review of the WCML capacity to help inform the ORR in its decision making. This will also remove the timescale restrictions imposed by the EE

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Test on the ORR and should enable a fully considered decision to be made on the various WCML applications without undue pressure.

Amendments have been made to the Form P and the Contract, and both are attached with tracked changes indicating the areas that have been addressed.

Regards

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