

GNER Edinburgh – Northern response

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To: Rachel Gilliland

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Hi Rachel,

Thank you for sight of the Alliance Rail/GNER's proposals to run services between Edinburgh and London via Newcastle post 2016.

Northern Rail has the following comments to make on the proposals.

Until the industry understands what capacity the ECML 2016 timetable recast will produce, we have concerns that GNER's proposal may prohibit the future Northern franchise from running some of its existing services, and have a detrimental effect on the existing service structure. Northern Rail's timetable is resource led and introduction of additional services on the ECML could lead to operational inefficiencies in the service structure (e.g. increased unit and train crew numbers), increasing costs and reducing value for money for money for the next Northern franchise.

Northern Rail would also like to understand how GNER's proposal fits with the structure of the future ECML franchise? And we require further clarity on GNER's view that the capacity for these services will be available post 2016.

Kind regards

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