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Dear Andrew,

Consultation on proposals to formalise the Rail Delivery Group

Thank you for the opportunity to comment upon the proposals to formalise the Rail Delivery Group. FirstGroup fully support this proposal and would specifically comment:

- Q1 FirstGroup consider that the purpose of RDG will drive the changes and improvements envisaged by the McNulty study and are actively engaged in support of RDG work-streams in this regard.
- Q2 FirstGroup are content with the proposed structure of the RDG Board including the proposed terms of scope of representation and membership criteria.
- Q3 FirstGroup consider the outlined rights of licensed and associate members should provide suitable engagement, particularly considering the owning group structure within the industry and the relationship to RDG of these parties.
- Q4 FirstGroup accept the proposal for a License Condition as outlined in Appendix B.
- Q5 The Voting and Quorum proposal give FirstGroup comfort that the decisions taken by RDG will have sufficient support to justify implementation.
- Q6 FirstGroup do not foresee at this stage any specific commercial protections in respect of competition compliance in respect to the formalising of RDG.
- Q7 FirstGroup are content with the RDG funding proposal.

This letter represents the response of FirstGroup's rail organisations, including First ScotRail, First TransPennine Express, First Capital Connect and Hull Trains.

Yours sincerely



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