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Dear Andrew,

**ORR consultation on the formalisation of the Rail Delivery Group**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the consultation on the formalisation of the Rail Delivery Group. This letter constitutes the Go-Ahead Group's response and also represents the views of London Midland, Southeastern and Southern Train Operating Companies.

Since the formation of the Rail Delivery Group in June 2011, the Go-Ahead Group Chief Executive, David Brown, has been an active member of the group contributing positively to its work. A number of senior group executives are represented on the Rail Delivery Group working groups and are contributing to its work.

We acknowledge the contribution that the RDG has already made to the industry, including providing strategic leadership industry and believe it is right to now formalise the group, consistent with the proposals outlined in your consultation document.

The Rail Delivery Group submitted its reply to the consultation on 30 July 2012, providing a detailed response to the issues raised and answering the specific questions within the consultation document.

The Go-Ahead Group confirms its agreement with the response submitted by the Rail Delivery Group and supports the formalisation of the RDG.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you want to discuss any of the issues raised in the consultation in further detail.

Yours sincerely

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