

## **GNER Cleethorpes + West Yorkshire services section 17 track access application – East Midlands Trains' response**

Dear Rachel

Thanks for your e-mail below for the consultation on Alliance Rail's Section 17 application for a track access contract with Network Rail for GNER West Yorkshire Services to commence operations in December 2017.

Having looked at the details of the application, our main concerns are capacity issues over the East Coast route and the impact of increasing the quantum of services on performance. However, there is not enough detail in the consultation for EMT to assess their proposed services.

Also, it is noted that Network Rail is not in a position to quantify the available capacity on the East Coast Main Line in December 2017 and beyond since it is unclear whether there will be capacity for the proposed services. Therefore, EMT is unable to assess the likely impact of the proposal it would have on train performance and on the operational performance over the East Coast Main Line.

At this stage, it is unclear what the Statutory Service Specifiers would require in terms of future Intercity East Coast timetable and therefore this application should not be considered until the future aspiration is determined.

Regards

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