

- The Gospel Oak to Barking line is a vital part of the rail transport in London.

The latter point reflects an increasing concern to TfL. TfL does not **feel that** sufficient weight has been given to its views on some regulatory issues given its importance as a funding organisation (e.g. ORR consultation on aligning incentives for Periodic Review 13). It should be noted that TfL funds **services** on the London Overground, part of the **National Rail** network, and is **directly** funding works to Network Rail-owned infrastructure for the lengthening of London Overground trains. Overground train lengthening will provide **additional** capacity on corridors shared with other National Rail services, and as such forms part of an integrated capacity solution for rail services in London. Moreover, TfL's role as a rail funder will increase further during Control Period 5 with the award of the contract to the Crossrail train operating company, and potentially also with further **devolution** of London's rail services.

We look forward to continuing our active role in the development of the rail industry in Control Period 5. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of our response, please contact me at the above address or by email at mikebrown@tfl.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,



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