

Thank you for your letter dated 8 January 2013.

I am involved with the Thames Gateway South Essex (TGSE) Rail Group and my colleague, Alastair Southgate, of Essex County Council has provided you with a comprehensive response relevant to our sub-region.

In addition to the comments raised in his submission, Thurrock Council would like to emphasise the importance of the following:

1. The single line track section between Upminster and Grays only has one passing loop. Thurrock Council believes that NR should be committed to a scheme or schemes it increase capacity on this line with the introduction of additional passing facilities.

2. Residents and businesses in the Borough regularly raise concerns over the delays experienced at the numerous vehicular level crossings. The Council urges NR to undertake a programme of improvements to, and/or, reduction in number of, vehicular level crossings in the Borough. The Council understood that NR was to undertake a review of such crossings in the Borough during 2011/12 and the Council would be pleased to see the results of this review as soon as possible.

3. There needs to be committed NR works to improve the speed on the Tilbury Loop.

Many thanks,

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