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Dear Ms Gilliland

Section 17 Proposed Track Access Contract (2018-2028)
East Coast Trains LTD (ECTL)

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on ECTL's proposed Track Access Contract application for operations between 2016 and 2028.

South Yorkshire PTE (SYPTe) welcomes the fact that these proposals are based around known service patterns put forward by Virgin Trains East Coast. However, we are aware that the East Coast Main Line (ECML) track capacity is very stretched in places and therefore SYPTe would not support any proposal that could compromise the stability of existing operations.

This is not to say SYPTe is unsupportive of the ECTL proposals, indeed better direct links to Scotland are a key priority identified in the Sheffield City Region Transport Strategy 2011-2026. It is with this in mind that SYPTe would like to see additional services such as those in ECTL's proposal calling at Doncaster and help deliver the priorities of the Sheffield City Region.

Yours sincerely



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