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Dear Joe,

Consultation on the variable usage charge and on a freight-specific charge

This letter sets out TfL's response to the consultation. TfL is content for the response to be published.

TfL is generally content with the proposals and the rationale behind them. TfL wishes to seek assurance that any future changes to the variable usage charges paid by passenger operators will be reflected in commensurate changes to the fixed track access charges paid by passenger operators, so there is no overall increase in the cost paid for access to the network. Any such increase would run counter to the government's stated objective of reducing the operating cost of the railway. TfL has no other comment to make in relation to this consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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