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Dear Suzanne and Catherine,

Approval of the 95th supplemental agreement to the track access contract between Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (Network Rail) and Abellio East Anglia Ltd Limited (trading as Greater Anglia (GA)) dated 10 December 2004.

We have today approved the above supplemental agreement submitted to us formally on 22 March 2024 under section 22 of the Railways Act 1993 (the Act). This follows an earlier informal submission of a draft agreement for our consideration. This letter explains the reasons for our decision.

Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to grant Greater Anglia the firm rights necessary to operate its summer timetable. These amended services in the Great Eastern Main Line (GEML) timetable will change the AM Peak to XX.00 and XX.30 half hourly services Norwich to Liverpool Street services, with intermediate limited stopping services from Ipswich and Harwich International. Other services are realigned accordingly. The GEML PM Peak services remain similar to the December 2023 timetable with some retiming and revised calling patterns. This also makes provision for the new Beaulieu station which is due to open in the latter half of the year. The rights are to commence from the Subsidiary Change Date (SCD) in June 2024 and will expire at the end of the contract.



Industry consultation

Network Rail undertook the usual industry consultation. No comments were received.

ORR review

Our review of the application raised no operational, performance or economic concerns.

Our duties under section 4 of the Act and our decision

We have concluded that approval of this supplemental agreement strikes the appropriate balance in discharging our statutory duties under section 4 of the Act; in particular, those relating to protecting the interests of users of railway services (section 4(1)(a)), promoting the use of the railway network for the carriage of passengers (section 4(1)(b)) and enabling persons providing railway services to plan their businesses with a reasonable degree of assurance (section 4(1)(g)).

Conformed copy of the track access agreement

Under clause 18.2.4 of the track access contract, Network Rail is required to produce a conformed copy, within 28 days of any amendment being made, and send copies to ORR and the Train Operator. Please send the conformed copy to me at ORR.

Public register and administration

Electronic copies of this letter, the approval notice and the agreement will be sent to the Department for Transport and Network Rail's Policy and Access Team. Copies of the approval notice and the agreement will be placed on ORR's public register (website) and copies of this letter and the agreement will be placed on the ORR website.

Yours sincerely

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