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Dear Owain,

New Passenger Track Access Agreement: Alliance Rail Services from Blackpool to London Euston

Thank you for your letter in response to the above consultation and for your support. We have commented on the points that you have made below:

We note that in Paragraph 3 you have expressed your concerns regarding the performance impact of existing services on the WCML and future trains operated by Northern as part of its service development. We have developed a timetable that seeks to deliver the business case outputs associated with the Stafford Area improvements. This was for two long distance high speed services between London and the North West in each hour. This scheme was funded by the taxpayer and has cost in the region of £250M. Our proposals will ensure that at least some of the taxpayer funded benefits are delivered. In addition, we have been working closely with Northern and Network Rail to make certain that our proposals will work alongside the existing services on the WCML and the new service developments of Northern.

In paragraph 5 we are grateful for your support noting the proviso that these services “*will not negatively impact existing connectivity and the performance and reliability of existing train services to and from Manchester Piccadilly and through Wigan North Western both in the present day and during the HS2 construction period*”. In respect of this we have been very careful to spend a good deal of time developing a robust timetable with Network Rail and

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Northern. This work is ongoing but we feel we can develop a robust and workable solution for all and to deliver significant connectivity benefits for passengers to and from the Fylde Coast.

Many thanks for your response.

Yours sincerely



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